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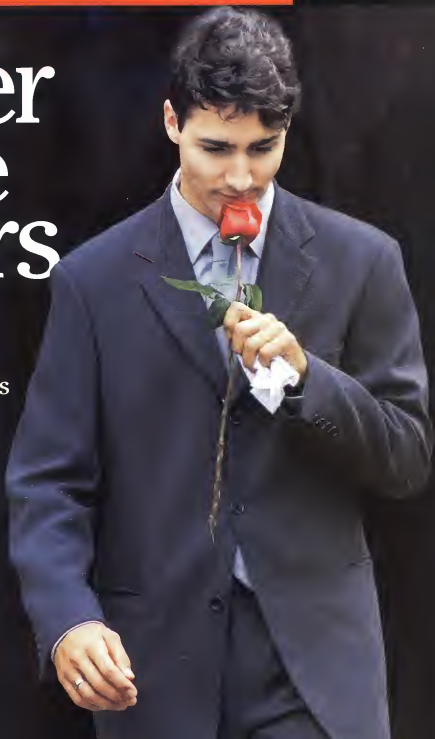
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## After the Tears

The legacy of  
Pierre Elliott  
Trudeau inspires  
the nation

Justin Trudeau at  
his father's funeral  
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# Editor



## The Trudeau team's 'last hurrah'

"It was," said the former Pierre Trudien aide, "like our last husband." He was referring to the gathering of the clan last week, when former staff

On Bay Street in Toronto, a woman walking to a job interview told me she was sporting a "business case" in jeans.



ory of the man who drew her to her first political meeting, more than 20 years ago. On Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge, the sounds of the funeral seemed amplified as they poured from the open windows of cars clogged in the early-morning stand-

What was it about this angular fellow that his passing could figuratively bring a diverse nation together, perhaps like no one since the 1972 Canada-Russia hockey series? Ken Dryden, who was the goaltender in the winning game, believes it

was Trudeau's disarming quality: "It's amazing how he doesn't date himself, even when you look back at the old tapes," Dryden said one last week. At a 20-year-old when Trudeau came to power in 1968, Dryden recalls: "He really was the first prime minister who didn't seem like a grandfather."

Trudeau's gift was that he spoke directly about what was on his mind, unlike the politicians of today who have invented a kind of non-speak to evade any question. A Trudeau adviser once told a reporter complaining about a lack of information: "Just listen to what he is saying. He says the same thing in public that he does in private."

Trudeau's aides regularly tried to tone down his own drafts of remarks for that reason. But the voice was always authentic. Whether you agreed with him or not, you knew there was a core of beliefs and a string of commitments.

This is why Jean Charest's vow last week to carry the Trudeau legacy into an election he doesn't need to call is so ludicrous. This is the man who embraced free trade after denouncing it, who promised to kill the GST but did not, who slashed health spending, who sowed seeds of union. The national funeral last week was a reminder that Canadians knew Pierre Trudeau. And that Jean Charest is not Pierre Trudeau.

Robert Lewis

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on From the Editor



*Tradescantia virginiana*

The scenes of the farewell, though, had less to do with the people behind the scenes than the public crasping of emotion that swept the country last week. From coast to coast to coast, Canadians paused to honour the man

## Newsroom Notes

## Going home

**Maclean's Senior Writer** Jane O'Hara and **Photographer** Phil Seel were among the passengers aboard Via Rail special train 634 carrying the body of Canada's 13th prime minister home to Montreal from Ottawa last week. While crowds of mourners pressed close, waiting to catch the train as it crowded past stations and



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level crossings, O'Hara's thoughts went back to the night in June, 1984, when she covered Pierre Trudeau's farewell speech to the Liberal party. "That night, Trudeau's final gesture was a promise," she recalled. "It's sad to think his spirit and energy are gone for good." O'Hara wrote this week's main cover story (page 38). Other contributors included business chiefs Brenda Branswell in Montreal and John Giddies in Ottawa. The package was overseen by Assistant Managing Editor Peter Kogutberg and designed by Artistic Director Guelle Sabourin.



If you're not using butter, then what exactly are you eating?

Butter. Nothing but good stuff.

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# Overture

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## Over and Under Achievers Getting the axe

Logan gets bumped, Day gets pumped, Goodfellow go north

- ♦ **Jean Chrétien:** With his suggestion to rename Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak, to honour Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister denotes the man who literally drew Canada. Geologist Sir William Logan (1798-1875) mapped parts of the country and pioneered the discovery of its mineral wealth. No doubt he charmed some of Trudeau's canoe routes.
- ♦ **Stockwell Day:** New TV spots show Day juggling, lighting wood and housing his grandchild in a prop in a fiscal segment. Day has promised to



chop government, but who knew he'd come around with a real act!

- ♦ **Shelby Capps:** Doubling Ottawa's film financing from \$50 million to \$100 million, the heritage minister wants to green light Canadian movies with more box-office appeal. Look forward to *Good 2: Revenge of the Monster Trucks*.
- ♦ **The Mafia:** Five CIVI scores a nitpicky coup with *The Sopranos*, proving mob-

sters are more popular than Olympics. Then, in a real-life mafioso drama, Toronto coffee-maker *Gennaro Pansino* gets whacked in a gangland hit. Mr. Capps, we have a screenplay!

- ♦ **Pat Carney:** In revising her book, *Taste Stories*, the Tory senator upgrades her description of Adrienne Clarkson from "waterwoman" to "dark mop." Sounds like she's angling for a Governor General Award.

## Remembering Rock 'n' Roll

This November, legendary disc jockey **Red Robinson**, 63, will retire from his Vancouver morning show after 40 years on air. Robinson was one of the first DJs in North America to play rock 'n' roll—in 1955, he was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. From now until Nov. 6, he is inviting fans to bid adieu to many of the artists he interviewed throughout his career, including **Mel Carter** and **Jimmy Rogers**. And last week, he shared some reminiscences with Maclean's.



Robinson (left), Holly Hally

"I got my start in 1955 when I was listening to the radio program *Theme for Tons*. I saw in the Vancouver Sun a picture of **Jimmy Stewart** holding a hunting knife, the papered he was in town. So I called up the radio station and with my best Jimmy Stewart impersonation said 'I really like this show *Theme for Tons*.' And everyone bought it. The next week, I called as **Hamphrey Bogart**.

Al Jordan, the best, caught on and said, 'Come down here, I want someone like you on my show.'

"In the time, Al Jordan was playing music by **Frankie Laine** and songs from the hit parade. I told him that week the music we were listening to in school. But he said he couldn't play what I liked. It was rock music. In 1954, Al took a job in Hamilton and I went on the air. Instead of playing Frankie Laine or Perry Como, I brought in **Joe Turner**, **Barb Brown**, **R and B music** and the crowd went crazy.

"One night, I missed the *Show of Stars* and **Buddy Holly** was on that tour. I was the first DJ in North America over to play *That'll Be the Day*, so he wanted to meet me. He was a wonderful guy, but he was no victory-ary. In October, 1957, I said 'Buddy, how long do you think rock 'n' roll will last?' and he said, 'Oh, I think maybe all Christmas and not much after that.' We were kids, we thought rock 'n' roll was like **Hula Hoops**—that it wasn't going to last."

Dandruff, Psoriasis, Scalp Dermatitis.

# Is there an effective solution?

(Pulling your hair out doesn't count.)

Truth is, even pulling out your hair out wouldn't help. Dandruff's not a hair problem. It's a scalp problem that's caused by the over-production of skin cells. Those embarrassing flakes that usually end up on your shoulders are dead skin flakes in search of a place to go.

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● Indicates treatment is effective on both dandruff (1) and psoriasis (2) ingredients



Troubadour French translator banged pots of his melody

## Lost in the translation

French audiences listening to **Jurim Troubadour's** melody to his father on Radio-Canada last week experienced some confusion. The television network's French translator banged pots of the speech, including the opening line: "Friends, Romans, countrymen." The newspaper said: "Dear Romans."

Jurim's charming account of his trip with his father to Alert, N.W.T., the northernmost military base in Canada, again left viewers scratching their heads instead of seeing they were in Alert, the newspaper told the francophone audience that the coast took place at a base so alert. Still, no matter how confusing the translators, the emotion got through.

## Over Achiever

### Canadian at heart

Some people are born in Canada. Others have Canadianism thrust upon them. Then there's **Daniel Igali**. The 26-year-old wrestler moved to Surrey, B.C., from Nigeria only six years ago, but on the last day of the 2000 Summer Games, he demonstrated that Canadianism can come from the heart as much as from the place of birth. In a gritty performance, Igali captured the 69-kg, freestyle class with a convincing 7-4 victory over Russia's **Asen Gaitinov**. His was only Canada's third gold medal (to go with three silver and eight bronze). On a day when flag-bearer **Caroline**

**Husset** suffered a rare defeat on the lapaq course, finishing second in the 500-m sprint, Igali lifted the spirit of his team with his emotion-charged, post-match celebration. He had a flag on the wrestling mat, knelt down, kissed the Maple Leaf and then ran around it. Later, standing on the top step of the podium while the anthem was played, he sang *O Canada* with tears in his eyes. Igali grew up in poverty, and he credits that upbringing for making him tough enough to excel in his sport. And he credits his life in Canada for helping him develop into the Olympic champion. So the victory lap around the flag was especially significant. "Fighting it down and running around," he explained afterward, "was saying, 'I made a complete cycle.'"



Igali kissed the Maple Leaf

## Taiwan tooth doc

**George Leslie Mackay** is in Taiwan, where Norman Bedeque is in China—a man of mythical stature. Yet, unlike Bedeque, Mackay remains largely unknown to most Canadians—something that may change when Taiwan marks the 100th anniversary of his death next June 2. Mackay, a Presbyterian medical missionary from Toronto, arrived in Taiwan in 1871 and over the next 30 years prospected, built churches and opened hospitals. After delivering a fiery sermon, Mackay would pause to deliver on his converts, and once boasted that he had pulled 40,000 teeth.

Like many Victorian-era troopers,



Mackay (far left) sermon and extractions

he shipped artificial bones that once belonged to the ill-fated **Han Chinese** and aboriginal population. His collection, which includes medals, religious statues, animals and local ornaments, was stored at the **Royal Ontario Museum** in Toronto for decades. Now, as

part of the celebration marking Mackay's death, the ROM's collection will be exhibited in Taipei. During a visit to Taiwan in May, ROM senior curator **Trudy Nickle** said she was struck by the respect paid to Mackay's memory. The Mackay Memorial Hospital in Taipei contains a museum acknowledging his early work, his medical clinic, where some of his equipment remains on display, is a historic site, and there are statues in his honour. "This exhibit will be important for contemporary people to see," said Nickle. "Mackay was committed to the country."

**Tara Fennell**

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## From cortege to campaign?

The unprecedented outpouring of love and grief for Pierre Trudeau reminded me of the extraordinary tributes paid by Georges Pompidou, Charles de Gaulle's successor in 1969. When le grand gâcher died in 1970, Pompidou began his tribute with this ringing epitaph:

"De Gaulle is dead. France is a widow."

We always thought that sentiment was a bit overblown, but not anymore. In the emotion-driving days after Pierre Trudeau's passing, many Canadians felt the same way. Something profound and unprecedented had happened: we were honoring the death, not only of a unique and splendid man, but learning for ourselves. Some cryogenic and gaudy quality had been lost. We felt reduced and abandoned.

That was the message of Justin Trudeau's magnificent funeral tribute. It is now our challenge to perpetuate his father's memory by maintaining in our minds and hearts the strong and confident Canada that Pierre Trudeau tried so hard to bequeath to his son's rule.

If anyone has dared to take political advantage of the tragic events, it is Jean Chrétien, who has been astounding cynicism as if he was preparing to ride his predecessor's tragic collapse into the election campaign.

On a human level, Chrétien had been profoundly moved by Pierre Trudeau's death. But his constant emphasis that he and his alone could claim to be the truest, perpetuating Trudeau's legacy of a just and compassionate Canada, seemed mighty painful. "I feel we have a flame to carry and I expressed to his sons that his legacy is big for his party and his nation," Chrétien declared, emphasizing his determination to capitalize on a lamenting country's sorrow.

In fact, Trudeau was respected for his strength, not his compassion. None of his important ministers—Sally Axworthy in the federal public service, permitting the Commission, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the National Energy Program or recognizing Red China—had much to do with equipping Canada's social net.

The policies who introduced most of Ottawa's compassionate spending programs were not Trudeau, but his predecessor, Lester Pearson, who was the author of universal medicine, the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Assistance Plan, the Guaranteed Income Supplement and other social safety nets, such as federal funding for public housing. During Trudeau's nearly 35 years in power, he increased the national debt tenfold to \$170 billion, while the annual budget deficit jumped from near balance to \$33 billion. Most of that money was spent on economic measures to help avert the 1975 recession, all of which were little, if any of it, went into new social programs. Ironically, Trudeau's daring fiscal

measures, motivated by Jean Trudeau's stability or unwillingness to cut back, forced Finance Minister Paul Martin to introduce the draconian measures in his 1994 budget that removed most of the remaining programs from government programs. (The one time that Trudeau concerned himself with the size of the deficit was in 1978, when he cut \$2 billion out of the federal budget, without bothering to consult his minister of finance, a youthful Jean Chrétien. The only time I heard Trudeau refer to Chrétien was his devastating backhand compliment: "He knows his limitations.")

So-called Day's strategies are counting on winning at least 75 of the 88 western seats, which will not be enough to form even a minority government unless he unexpectedly doubles his popular support in Ontario. But if the Bloc Québécois, Tories and NDP together garner at least 65 seats, which is possible, the Canadian Alliance would have to win only a dozen Ontario seats to push the Liberals into a minority position. That sounds doable, since Tom Long, who has joined Day's strategy team, is bound to attract enough Mike Harris supporters to make the difference. Pierre Alliance polling indicates that Ontarians have yet to make up their minds about Day: he still has the opportunity to define himself. The election results may turn on whether Ontario accepts a muscular Christian with more enthusiasm than it accepted the humble Christian Person Missing.

The possibility of a minority Liberal regime maintaining itself in power after the election by forming a voting alliance with the NDP is questionable. Socialists prospects have been drastically reduced by the internal struggle between Ron Hoggins's Canadian Auto Workers and the Canadian Labour Congress. The CAW has been attacking NDP Leader Alex McIsaac for shifting the party too far to the right, so that the traditional union support for the NDP isn't there.

The Tories under Joe Clark, who might consider joining a Liberal coalition only to keep the Alliance in bag, are in even worse shape. The party owes \$8 million (in net debt, after assets, is \$4 million) and its only revenue fund—\$4.5 million that originally came from the sale of former leader John Beckford's Ottawa house—would be drained by the bank if the party were to declare financial as well as political bankruptcy. If hand-sawing clients don't accelerate, Joe Clark will have to look in part of the annual \$292.475 he is being paid to preside over the dissolution of a once-great political party.

The most intriguing (and far too narrow) has the Alliance and the Bloc Québécois negotiating some sort of loose coalition to defeat the Liberals. That's unlikely, but they're only one safe prediction about this election campaign; anything can happen—and probably will.



Clinton in British Columbia: reviving the Trudeau legacy

launch why his backers are investing so much hope in his persona. "When a politician at the event drenched him with chocolate milk, Day was at his unflappable best—joking that he should have had on the weather that attracted so much attention when he wore it to a recent B.C. Islands news conference.

But Day's smooth handling of the chocolate milk incident was the sole highlight of the evening. After changing into a clean shirt, he was left to present a document that seemed to put him on the defensive. The big surprise was a proposal to delay implementing the Alliance's controversial 17-per-cent, single-rate tax—a policy that had been touted in the centrepiece of the party's pitch for votes. The revised promise for the first term of an Alliance government is to introduce the 17-per-cent rate only for those earning up to \$100,000, a 25-per-cent rate would apply to income above that. The 17-per-cent rate would be extended to those richer Canadians in a second Alliance mandate.

Day insisted he was not backing off from the proposition that all Canadians should be taxed at the same rate. He said Alliance member crunchers simply feared they could not afford to exceed the 17-per-cent rate to the top-earning three per cent of Canadians and at the same time pay for such priority measures as cutting the federal tax on gasoline by at least three-cents a litre. But the party is not watering down the principle that everybody should eventually pay the same tax rate. Liberals see that as leaving the Alliance vulnerable. "It is aggressive, it is unorthodox," Finance Minister Paul Martin told reporters. "If you're rich, you'll get a much larger tax reduction than if you are poor."

Even the Alliance's policy platform, a 24-page document unveiled by Day last week in Waterloo, Ont., features more colorful pictures of the leader (nine, including one of him with Jonston) than a doct chart and graphs (seven). "Frankly, there are about five people in the country interested in economic analysis," explained MP Jason Kenney, co-chairman of the party's campaign team. "In modern politics, the leader is the personification of the party." And Day showed again at the platform

day came up with three 30-second TV spots featuring Day that began airing last week. In one, Day bemoans the level of the federal debt, all the while holding his granddaughter, three-year-old Janessa—who doesn't look much interested.

## On your mark...

The Alliance adjusts its flat-tax plank as the Liberals, riding high, prepare for an election

By John Goddard in Ottawa

Canadian Alliance strategists know that with a full election on the wind they are running far behind the Liberals. But they are taking heart, and borrowing tactics, from past come-from-behind political victories. Consider George Bush—senior, not Dubya. Back in 1988, the Republican was trailing his Democrat rival Michael Dukakis well into summer in the race for the U.S. presidency. One make-of-click campaigning often credited with helping Bush to soften his image—and go on to win—was a television advertisement that showed him playing with his grandchildren. That ad, much admired by political pros, was a model Alliance tactician had in mind when



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## Alliance strategists are banking on Day's persona

and succeeds should be rewarded, not punished," Kenney said. "Paul Martin and Jean Chrétien already have their piece of the cake—they're independently wealthy millionaires—and it's dangerous and cynical in the context for them to now play a variation on old NDP-style class-warfare politics."

Exactly what form the battle between the Liberals and the Alliance will take should be clear as early as next week, when Martin is expected to table a mini-budget with new tax and spending measures. The officials say they are working on a plan that emphasizes middle-class tax cuts, ensuring that the rich will get relief, too, but are expected to go on carrying a heavier burden. The finance department is scrambling to



Day being his work with unaffordable

prepare the fiscal plan in place of Martin's usual fall economic statement, when he typically updates the government's projections for the economy. A mini-budget would go further, setting the stage for an election. Most political

incision in both the government and opposition parties are now betting that Prime Minister Chrétien will make the call on Oct. 22 for a Nov. 27 vote. The death of former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau seems to have soaked, rather than dampened, election fever.

In fact, Chrétien came close last week to directly leading Trudeau's death and his own bid for a third mandate. In a campaign-style speech in Vancouver on Oct. 5, he alluded to the emotional eulogy delivered by Justin Trudeau at his father's funeral just two days earlier. Justin Trudeau reminded members of the way his father came out of political retirement to oppose the Meech Lake and Charlottetown constitutional accords, then added: "But he won't be coming back anymore. It's all up to us, all of us, now." It was the most overtly political passage in the eulogy, and Chrétien picked up on the theme of an inherited duty. "No Justin asked us, it is our responsibility to carry on," he said in Vancouver. "I will carry on."

Senior Liberals, sensitive to any suggestion that Chrétien might casually exploit Trudeau's death, were quick to point out that there is nothing new about Chrétien invoking his Liberal predecessor in speeches. Still, with the national outpouring following Trudeau's death, talk among senior Liberals has shifted noticeably from touting the record of the Chrétien government since 1993 to emphasizing an older Liberal "legacy." One possible reason polls already show the governing party's popularity jumping after Trudeau's death on Sept. 28. A Leger Marketing poll conducted between Oct. 1 and Oct. 3 for *Le Journal de Montréal* showed Liberal support bouncing to 48 per cent, up from 44 per cent in late September. Alliance support fell to 19 per cent from 22 per cent. Liberals hope the numbers reflect not just nostalgia and grief, but a deeper renewal of interest in their party's heritage. The Alliance, meanwhile, might take comfort from the reminder of how an athletic, charismatic figure on the political scene can sometimes capture and hold the imagination of voters. ■

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## Doctor convicted

After 30 hours of deliberation, an Edmonton jury found a small-town Alberta doctor accused of murdering a professional colleague guilty of a reduced charge of manslaughter. Jeanne Veir was sentenced Dr. Norman Cooper, 61, this week. Relatives of Dr. Douglas Snider, 59, of Fairview, Alta., whose body has never been found, let out a gasp when they heard the verdict. Cooper maintained that Snider faked his murder, left evidence framing the defendant and disappeared to avoid the potential consequences of a lawsuit.

## A new prison for Hanaoka

A Federal Court judge in Montreal cleared the way for an killer Karla Hanaoka to be transferred from the medium-security Jolene Institution outside of Montreal. Corrections officials said on Sept. 28 they wanted to temporarily move Hanaoka, serving a 12-year sentence for her role in the murder of Ontario schoolgirl Leslie Mahaffy and Krysten Ferch, elsewhere to undergo a psychiatric assessment to determine her eligibility for early release. Hanaoka fought the transfer, saying the fear for her life and intends to serve her full sentence.

## Teen to be tried as a youth

An Alberta judge ruled the teenage boy accused of the fire-bombing murder of 17-year-old Jason Long, in the April, 1999, school shooting in Tiber, Alta., is to be tried in youth court. The Crown had applied to have the youth—who was 14 at the time and has since suffered brain damage after surgery to correct a heart defect—tried in adult court where he could have faced life in prison with a chance of parole in five to seven years. In youth court, he faces a maximum sentence of six years in jail and four years community supervision.

## A 'professional' hit

Toronto police say a partner in a discount coffin company was the victim of a "professional organized hit." After beating gunfire and scorching tires, west-end residents found Constant Panagiotis, 41, slumped over the steering wheel of his Cadillac.

## McSorley skates away from jail

In his trial for assault, former Boston Bruin Marty McSorley offered an unusual defence. Yes, he confessed, he had meant to hit Vancouver Canuck Donald Brashear in the first rounds of a game last Feb. 21, just not on the head. Videotape—replayed endlessly on TV news reports and in slow motion during the four-day trial in September—showed McSorley swinging his stick. When it hit Brashear, the 28-year-old tough guy crumpled to the ice and went into convulsions (he has recuperated fully and is still on the Canucks roster). McSorley, a 37-year-old enforcer who has yet to sign on for this season, told a Vancouver court he had actually meant to hit Brashear on the shoulder.

Provincial court Judge William Kitchen didn't buy the argument. He ruled last week the hockey player was guilty of assault with a weapon. "McSorley struck for the head," Kitchen said in his judgment. "Brashear was



McSorley: a conditional discharge

struck as intended. Mr. McSorley, I find you guilty as charged." The judge handed McSorley an 18-month conditional discharge at the end of which, barring any further incidents, he would not have a criminal record.

McSorley, who hung his head after hearing the verdict, as the first NHL player in a dozen years to be convicted for an on-ice attack. In 1988, Minnesota's Dino Ciccarelli got a day in jail and a \$1,000 fine after a vicious stick-swinging incident. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and McSorley remain under an indefinite suspension despite the conditional discharge.

## Bilingualism in trouble

Dynne Adams, the commissioner of official languages, issued a scathing, 100-page report accusing the federal government of failing to "bilingualism." "Thirty years after it [the Official Languages Act] was passed by the Parliament of Canada," she wrote, "it is unacceptable that the office had to investigate about 1,500 complaints regarding its implementation." The report noted 83 per cent of the complaints came from francophones. Government funding cuts have eroded bilingual services, Adams said, and it's time Ottawa turned things around.

## A missing child

After searching all week, police in Surrey, B.C., said they had an adult lead in the mysterious Oct. 1 disappearance of 10-year-old Heather Thomas. The young girl was last seen at the apartment complex where her father lives after going out for a short bike ride. "It's very unusual," said Cpl. Janice Armstrong. "She was there and the next minute she was gone." Police

said they did not think there was a link between Heather's disappearance and the sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl two days later in nearby Langley (Livingston) around a 17-year-old youth, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders' Act, in connection with that incident. "Some 40 officers working on the girl's disappearance were following dozens of tips and knocking on doors to interview residents of the neighbourhood.



# After the Tears

Pierre Elliott Trudeau's funeral  
brings an emotional outpouring—  
but will the spirit last?

Canadians bid a heartfelt farewell to a prime minister who earned the respect of even his political foes



Justin (left), Margaret and Sacha Trudeau at Notre Dame Basilica, with Delorah Coyne in the background, and Fidel Castro and former governor general Roméo LeBlanc to the right



FROM THE HEART

## Mere tolerance is not enough.

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My father's fundamental belief in the sanctity of the individual never came from a textbook. It stemmed from his deep love for and faith in all Canadians. And over the past few days, with every card, every rose, every tear, every wave and every promise, you returned his love.

It means the world to Sacha and me. Thank you.

We have gathered from coast to coast to coast, from one ocean to the other, united in our grief, to say goodbye.

But this is not the end. He left politics in '84. But he came back for Meech. He came back for Charlottetown. He came back to remind us of who we are and what we're all capable of.

But he won't be coming back anymore. It's all up to us, all of us, now.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. He has kept his promises and earned his sleep.

*Je t'aime, Papa!*

From Justin Trudeau's eulogy to his father.



Millions  
mourn—and  
listen as a son  
eloquently  
upholds his  
father's legacy



# 'It's All Up To Us'

By Jane O'Hara

**I**t was the most stirring moment in a day of high drama. In Montreal's cavernous Notre-Dame Basilica, 28-year-old Justin Trudeau came out from the shadow of his family's privacy and stepped into his father's shoes, if only briefly. On one of the most wrenching days of his life, his father's flag-draped coffin in its ornate casket lay before him, and the emotion was there—in the note of his voice, in his deliberate walk and the conviction of his words. In a 15-minute eulogy, he brought back Pierre Trudeau's haunting vision of a unified Canada, evoking the idealism of the rise and echoes of once-powerful phrases like "The Just Society."

The young Trudeau's words tapped five days of official mourning for the former

prime minister, who died at his home in Montreal on Sept. 28. In unending memories of a family cherished past, Justin provoked some speculation about his political future. But far from governing Liberals there were more practical concerns: whether to go to the polls in the gaudy aftermath of this reborn Trudeausaurus, a time when grown men cried and a nation paused to mourn.

What would he have thought of it all, the raw feelings aimed so squarely at him? There is ample evidence that the austere Pierre Trudeau disapproved of showy emotional displays. He was, after all, the prime minister of "reason over passion." If there was one thing Canadians knew about him during his 16 years in power, it was that his feelings were deeply encrypted, his interior



Justin and Sachi Trudeau on the train carrying their father's coffin from Ottawa to Montreal; lying in state are Parliament Hill (opposite); tributes

like a private preserve. Still, would he have been moved by the piles of red roses at airport photo ops, the 50,000 mourners who filed past his casket as he lay in state, first in Ottawa and then in Montreal, or waited by the train tracks to touch the casket carried by his body home? We'll never know. But some of Trudeau's closest associates and political allies think they do. Montrealer Simon Stevens, an old friend who lived near Trudeau and "held his hand" the night before he died, claimed that the former prime minister was a modest man who shunned ostentation. "If he had his way, he'd have been buried in a little village in a little church service," Stevens said.

Others thought Trudeau would have appreciated the people's grief and love. Not far from 35—but because of his son, Justin and Sachi, 26. They were the famous Clatterton babies born into the fabled world of 24 Sussex Drive, who grew up to be his closest companions and were with him the day he died. Former Nova Scotia premier and Trudeau cabinet minister Gerald Regan, who attended the funeral, recalled how Trudeau warned that the boys would be hated by media and Opposition attacks levelled at him when he was in office. "He told them not to worry," said Regan. "He said, 'Look, there are people out there who still like us.'" Standing on the steps of the basilica, Regan then waved his arm at the thousands of mourners waiting outside. "He would have wanted his sons to see this," he said.

And what a sight it was. For five days, Justin, a Vancouver teacher, and Sachi, a Montreal filmmaker, witnessed an unprecedented outpouring for their father. But while the two railroad sons watched the wave of tributes, Canadians were also watching their own—as well as their half-sister Sarah Elizabeth Coyne, 9. Born when Trudeau was 71, she made a rare public appearance at the funeral with her mother, constitutional expert Deborah Coyne.

The glare intensified when Justin rose from the first pew in the basilica. With a white handkerchief in one hand, he walked gruffly to the lectern. Until that moment, he had been almost unknown to Canadians. But when he started his eulogy he had their undivided attention. "Friends, Romans, countrymen," he said in what was a quietly stark to an otherwise compelling oration. And many among the 3,000 mourners

## Shortly after the service, the whispers began about a political future for Justin

know a thing or two about public speaking: in the high-ceilinged church sat row upon row of dark-suited politicians, a whole who of Canada's ruling elite stretching back four decades that included former prime ministers Joe Clark and John Turner. Cuban leader Fidel Castro, well-known for delivering three-hour speeches, was also there, seated close to former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, as well as Prince Andrew. Across Margaret Kilgerr, who chided her 20-year friendship with Trudeau, arrived two hours before the funeral to take her seat. And Montreal poet and music icon Leonard Cohen, one of Trudeau's honorary pallbearers, sat nearby.

In a speech that was both moving and highly theatrical, Justin recalled his father as a daring dad who raised his children with an old-fashioned set of values. "He taught us to believe in ourselves, to stand up for ourselves, to know ourselves and accept responsibility for ourselves," he said. "We know we were the luckiest kids in the world and we had done nothing to actually deserve it."

The dark-haired Justin then moved nimbly from the personal to the political. With words so evocative they could have been written by a professional speechwriter, he spoke of Trudeau's exit from political life in 1984. He reminded mourners, and a far larger television audience, that his father came out of retirement in the late 1980s and 1990s to fight against the Meech Lake and Charlottetown accords, linchpins of former Conservative prime minister Brian Mulroney's failed attempt at constitutional reconciliation with Quebec. As Mulroney listened in a dazed pose, Justin said: "He came back to remind us of who we are and what we're all capable of. But he won't be coming back anymore. It's all up to us, all of us, now."

An eloquent tribute—but one that, in a cathedral packed with opinion-makers and newsmen, took on a far greater significance. Shortly after the service, the whispers began about a possible political future for Justin, helped along by the new certainty that Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is preparing to call a November election. Referring to Justin's eulogy, former Quebec Liberal leader Claude Ryan said: "It oc-



The son of  
Pierre Trudeau  
expresses his devotion

curred to me that perhaps this was the first manifestation of a dynasty. And, at the least, I was led to believe that the Trudeau family had not said its last word. We may hear a lot more from this young man."

To date, Justin has shown no outright interest in a political career. As a child growing up at 24 Sussex—and travelling the world with his famous father—he was the most photographed kid in Canada. But as a young man, he has shunned politics and public life. Since 1999, he has taught drama and French to students at Vancouver's West Point Grey Academy, a private school with a spectacular view of English Bay and the North Shore mountains. His phone number is listed in the Vancouver book. He reads more to Buddhist than the ancestors of his father's Roman Catholicism. Last week, when he became a sudden celebrity and apartment came knocking around his apartment in the South Granville area, one of his neighbours



Sarah Cayne, mother Delbow attraction



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## A pilgrimage to Ottawa

From the moment my colleague Cheryl Hawkes and she wanted to go to Ottawa for the lying in state of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, I knew I had to go, too. Unlike any co-workers, I had never worked on Parliament Hill, had never spoken with the charismatic politician. But as a young teen, I had succumbed to Trudeaumania, and in the closest I ever came to manifesting an interest in politics, I went to see the prime minister when he came to Bradford, Ont., in support of the local Liberal candidate in the 1968 federal election. I caught another glimpse of Trudeau in the flesh on a high-school trip, with the ceremony only an adolescent can imagine. I was convinced he made eye contact with me alone in the crowded visitors' gallery—from the floor of the House for below.

During the five-hour drive from Toronto, Cheryl, her neighbour Alison Bidwell and I chatted about many such memories. Curiously, however, we did not discuss why we felt it necessary to leave behind family friends and weekend chores to make the trip. We simply did it. Many others clearly felt the same way. By the time we joined the lineup at 7:45 p.m., it stretched down the Hill and curled around the grounds to run parallel to Wellington Street. (There was a second, mirror-image lineup on the west side of the Hill.) People talked to each other in that friendly-but-not-too-friendly Canadian way. The young man behind us said he'd driven in from Brockville, Ont., because "I just felt it was something I needed to do."

Occasionally, sounds of laughter punctuated the night air. Children too young to know who their parents were moaning, burned energy doing somersaults on the lawn. The smell of roasts, which were piled high around the Centennial Plaza, was heart-meltingly sweet. And throughout our three-hour wait, pages scanned the line looking for the identity and the uniform, when they immediately guided inside.

The mood seemed to change as people stepped inside the Hall of Honour. Just inside was the 1991 official portrait of Trudeau, brought from its usual place in the Queen's Hall corridor outside the Commons chamber and draped with black cloth. Conversation stopped; people immediately stood still, straightened their clothes and pushed hair into place. Once at the foot of the line, mourners stood foot-deep for a moment beside the flag-draped casket. Some knee and made the sign of the cross, others bowed their heads or reached out to touch the casket.

I did the latter. We were then ushered down a long hallway with desks along one wall. Each featured two books of condolence—and a box of tissues. Along with their name and home town, some people had written heartfelt paragraphs of tribute. I scribbled words: "Thank you."

Barbara Wideman

pledged, "Please leave him in peace. He's such a nice boy."

During a wide-ranging interview with *Maclean's* in 1988, Trudeau's former wife, Margaret, said her son Justin was "a very romantic boy. He's open to life—he has my soul." She added that his decision to become a teacher came to him unconventionally. "He called me," she said. "He told me 'Mum, I climbed up to the top of this mountain and I had the most extraordinary experience. I'm going to be a teacher.'"

Extraordinary, too, was the love and loyalty the Trudeau sons showed their father. Before moving to Vancouver in 1997, Justin and his last brother, Michel—who was 25 when he died in an avalanche in British Columbia in 1998—had lived with their father in the family's renowned Art Deco mansion. Justin was the one who was consistently there for Pierre. Margaret said, Justin's decision to relocate 3,600 km away (Michel moved to British Columbia as well) meant Trudeau, then 78, became an empty nester for the first time. "It was devastating for Pierre," said Margaret. "And Justin, who is our tender heart, was very upset."



Carter and Gagnon, Turner, Clark and Prime Trudeau among the 3,000 mourners, sons of death-obsessed politicians

about it. He had a hard time leaving his dad." Shortly after that, Sasha, who was living in Toronto and who Margaret has described as "Pierre's clone," moved back to Montreal to keep his father company. The two lived together until Trudeau's death.

Justin had not been able to escape public scrutiny altogether. Two years ago, he was unwittingly thrust into the spotlight when, with Michel's death, he became the family spokesman. Since then, Justin and Margaret have worked together to promote avianiche awareness. Occasionally he has been asked about mixing politics—and he has not completely ruled it out. "I am a teacher," he said recently. "And I believe in making a difference. If I felt that could be done in politics I might do it one day, but I'm not making any plans around it." After his eloquent eulogy last week, some Canadians no doubt wished for a former outcast—on the nation's strength with its loss.

With Brenda Beaudoin in Montreal



# A Man and His City

By Brenda Brownell in Montreal

Arron Peters was a nervous wreck when she started working for the former prime minister at the Montreal law firm of Herman Blake three years ago. "I kept sitting outside the office door thinking, 'Ah, it's Pierre Elliott Trudeau in there,'" Peters recalled last week. Every morning, she saw Trudeaus' police guard grinning with a pinched, "Bonjour, monsieur Trudeau." Then when Trudeau stepped out of his office, the personal assistant bolted out of her chair. "There was probably a spring in my seat," she laughed. But Peters soon decided she had to get over feeling so intimidated. One morning, she finally greeted her boss in an upbeat, confident manner. "Mr. Trudeau," she added. "I don't know if you've noticed, but I've been a little nervous for the past two weeks." But, she continued, "I'd like to let you know I'm over it." Trudeau, said Peters, "just looked at me and said 'what took you so long?'"

Trudeau once acknowledged the split within himself between the politician who acted a role and his private self. Like Peters, Montreals often caught glimpses of the latter in the 16 years after he stepped down as prime minister. He walked to work, dined out often and wore so half price movies. "Above all else, he was a Montrealer," said filmmaker Brian McKenna, who directed the 1994 documentary *Pierre Elliott*.

*Montreal, Monsieur.* "He was a man who incarnated the spirit of the city," Montreals, in turn, reflected his dreams for the country with its blend of French, English

and new Canadians. "He just felt so much part of that mix," said Ray Hanna, chairman of the law firm where Trudeau worked. "This was his cosmopolitan city."

Despite his celebrity, he managed to lead a low-key life. When his sons were young, he saw them off to school before heading to the office. Trudeau walked there each day—about a 20-minute hike—until he fell ill earlier this year. He would typically leave work around 5 p.m. for the more arduous hike up the steep slope to his home. On occasion, he paused to shake hands with strangers anxious to meet him.

Friends until Trudeau never traded on his status. Montreal businessman Sherman Stevens recalled accompanying his old friend to a licence bureau in 1986. Trudeau, who needed to replace the Ontario plates on his Mercedes with Quebec ones, took a number and waited his turn. "I saw he was, the agent me-



On the scene where he lived, remembering

emorial of Canada," said Stevens. "I don't think this would happen in any country in the world." But Trudeau didn't want special privileges—and he certainly didn't get them at the licence bureau. A clerk told Trudeau to return with proof he had paid the taxes when he originally bought the car in Quebec. When they returned two days later, a clerk demanded a certificate of road worthiness because the car was more than 20 years old. On the third visit, Trudeau finally got his plates.

Nor did he always impress his fellow citizens. According to his old friend and long-time cabinet minister Marc Lalonde, they occasionally ate at some "pretty shabby places." Stevens recounted a time when a woman approached Trudeau in an restaurant, and told him, "I'm sure you've been told many times that you look like Pierre Elliott Trudeau." When he responded in the affirmative, she added, "I'm going to say one thing and I don't want you to be offended, sir. You're not as good-looking as he is."

Much has been made about many Quebecers' ambivalence towards Trudeau. But during his years in politics, the Liberals always won the floor chair of seats in Quebec. In his column in Montreal's *Le Press*, Solange Laporte recalled how, when he reached young age, he voted provincially for former Parti Quebecois premier René Lévesque and federally for Trudeau. "So when it was contradictory, it defied all logic," wrote Laporte. "We loved them both." Among aficionados, Trudeaus' passing brought sadness. On the day of the funeral, Orang Alkassian closed his jewelry shop to watch the event on television. "The people of Montreal loved him very much because he was one of them," says Alkassian. Now, for many Montreals, a stroll down Sherbrooke or Peel streets no longer carries the same thrilling promise of a chance encounter. ■

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# A Wedding to Remember

By Patrick Conlen

One of the moosemen invited to Pierre Trudeau's farewell was a woman who sat a few pews behind her family, her husband and three children beside her. From time to time, her gaze would flick from the coffin and the altar to rest solitarily on Margaret, Justin and Sacha. She could remember another church 22 months before, another funeral that, she believed, launched this one. First Michel and now Pierre. But for this woman, once a trusted family employee, the two deaths were still a call to service. Later, she would gather Justin and Sacha into her arms, just as she did when they were infants. She and Margaret would hug tightly, just as they did when they were both young. This was her passage, too.

## A loyal employee celebrated her big day at 24 Sussex

Her name is Maryslike Corleau Mullally and she is my sister. From 1972 to 1982, on and off, she was a member of Trudeau's household staff. In the years since, she has remained a friend and a confidante.

In the summer of 1972, she drifted to Ottawa after abandoning Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, trying to find a teaching job. But one morning she passed over a vaguely worded newspaper ad seeking help at an official government residence. She responded more out of curiosity than anything, and she soon discovered that the country's most prominent home had a job opening.

She was hired as a domestic maid at 24 Sussex Drive in September, with supplementary responsibilities for nine-month-old Justin's care, and she rose to be household coordinator. That placed her in charge of official receptions and dinners at the prime minister's residence and she was often the first person ambassadors and heads of state met at the big front door. And for years she provided Trudeau with the ironic mix he wore in his lapel when he left for Parliament Hill every morning.

Less than two years after signing on, Maryslike informed the Trudeaus that she planned to marry a young man from Prince Edward Island, named Joe Mullally. The Trudeaus responded by offering their home for the wedding and reception. It was to be their gift, and it grew.

After an Aug. 3 date was set, Margaret announced she wanted to make Maryslike's wedding dress herself, a project that set a troubling sequence of events into motion. She and Maryslike—pals by now because they were about the same age and even looked alike—bussed over just the right spot in the

garden for the ceremony. They debated the choice of a canteen and then agreed that Laurier Place's two granddaughters were right for the job because, after all, they knew their way around the kitchen. Every now and then, the prime minister asked for a report, adding with approval as the project. The list of guests was tallied to about 40. Archbishop James Hayes of Halifax, a friend of Maryslike, agreed to marry the couple. Two-year-old Justin Trudeau was to be the ring bearer. The prime minister had called an election for early July that year and Margaret and Maryslike had to come up with a Plan B in case the country decided to snuff the Trudeaus out of their home. The Liberals won; Plan A was on.

So on a Friday afternoon, the eve of the wedding, I drove from Toronto to Ottawa, turning into the driveway at 24 Sussex. I was met not by security guards but by Margaret herself, who led me to her third-floor sewing



Maryslike, with Margaret and Pierre checking the dress Margaret had made, at the reception with Margaret and Patrick (middle), being helped from the line (top); a wedding sequence of events



room where she was finishing Maryslike's dress. My parents had already arrived from our home town of Montreal and were enjoying their first look. Things began to speed up. Word came from the Prime Minister's Office that a wedding for home, was in the limousine, and five minutes away, then two, at the front door, and then—all of this duly noted in someone's secretary log—at the entrance to the sewing room. I strolled in with that uncanny ability to clear space before me, then closed it with a warmth that heaved for places in which he was most comfortable.

Horseparks had told that night. Dad shared shoes. Merv finished the cake. Maryslike and Margaret had baked. My sister handed me a stack of LPs and told me the Trudeaus had offered the use of their own stereo system to tape selections for the reception. At 11 p.m. I was working in their private second-floor lounge, a serene suede-and-chaïre escape from the mandatory Group of Seven/Quebec pan/Ontario-cherry-wood look that

dominated the house's public areas. Margaret called it the "Dresden room."

I was trying to be conscientious about a boring and mundane chore, when I felt a tap on my shoulder that nearly sent a rack of expensive Braun equipment toppling. "My, that's fascinating," said the country's most famous voice from the gloom behind me. "How do you do that?" My first impulse was to laugh because I thought he was kidding, but I'm glad I didn't. It took me a moment to realize his keen curiosity was in full play. And he was also struggling to be subtle, something that didn't come easily to a man whose unfeigned shyness was cleverly concealed. It was a touching glimpse behind the public mask.

It rained the following morning but even that risk had been covered. Gabrielle Léger, the wife of Gov. Gen. Jules Léger, had offered Margaret the chapel at Rideau Hall as a backup. So the Trudeaus, Corleaus, Mullallys and friends went across, led by the prime minister in his black bulletproof Cadillac. Halfway through mass, I glanced over my shoulder. The Légers were standing at the chapel entrance, waiting to contact with the celebration, not wanting to intrude.

Afterward, the sun broke through for the reception back at 24 Sussex and Trudeau finally welcomed, sipping white wine and chatting with the guests. I didn't hear that the Mullallys are a large clan of loyal Liberals and most of them were there. Trudeau stayed until the end, something he rarely did, and cheerfully posed for snapshots with everyone. He twiddled his own champagne for the toast. He made some afterthought remarks about the bride and beamed like a pleased uncle. Everyone drank a little too much and laughed a little too loudly once he left. Brows were creased. Faces got red. It was a wedding.

All these years later, Maryslike's fierce personal allegiance to the Trudeaus, both of them, still prevails. Protective of that memorable weekend and now she has also dodged questions from aggressive reporters about their marital turbulence, about his later affairs, about Margaret's emotional problems, about his profound loneliness without his wife. It has something to do with discretion, yes, but more to do with her fixed awareness that those two estranged nearly-greatest people were simply out of sync with each other. Their marriage didn't hold. Their love for each other did. The realists, at their real wedding gift to her and it endures.

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*In Cuba in 1995 with Canadian Ambassador Mark Estabrook (seated) and Cuban Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina, journey*

Austin played a key role in helping Trudeau finish that agenda. He had been Trudeau's principal secretary in 1974-1975, and, after being appointed to the Senate in 1975, went on to serve in Trudeau's cabinet in the early 1980s. He says Trudeau devoted stories of two unusual trips Austin took without him, one to Bhutan in 1981 and another to Baffin Island in 1983. Those trips led to their decision to travel together. Austin organized four trips for Trudeau and a few friends—to Pakistan and China in 1987, South and Central America in 1989, Africa in 1992, and finally Indonesia in 1994.

While Trudeau was alive, Austin respected his privacy by not discussing the journeys. But last week, on the day after he attended Trudeau's funeral, he agreed to be interviewed by *Maclean's*.

Trudeau was no ordinary man. In South Africa in 1992, he spent a morning with Nelson Mandela, who had been released from prison two years previously and was struggling to bring about the end of apartheid as leader of the African National Congress. Austin, who was present, says Trudeau and Mandela discussed relations between the ANC and the white regime. Mandela asked Trudeau to speak out publicly against what he said was state-directed violence against the ANC. Trudeau suggested a private message to white South African leaders might be useful. He met with president F.W. de Klerk for two hours on the same trip. "De Klerk asked, 'What's Mandela saying?'" Austin recalls. "Trudeau said, 'He's accusing you and your government of fostering violence.'"

But playing elder statesman was not the prime purpose of Trudeau's travels, Austin says his attitude was "journalistic"—he was not really content unless the going was tough. They travelled by jeep in mountainous northern Pakistan and into the vast desert of western China. In a Copac church in the Tibetan countryside, Trudeau sat on wooden pews and quietly discussed belief in God with rural priests. Through it all, Austin says he came to know a less-guarded Trudeau than the politician he had served in Ottawa. "After he retired, and after he got over the psycho of confidentiality that goes with being prime minister, he became much more open."

In 1995, Trudeau fulfilled a long-standing dream of visiting Antarctica. It was an expedition Austin was not interested in, but "Trudeau went anyway." And there he held back everywhere, Austin says. "If there is an important part of the world he hasn't seen, I don't know what it is." For a man who relished the road so much, Trudeau revealed little about his post-1984 travels in his 1995 *Memoirs*. It is left to the lucky few who went along with him to tell the stories. ■

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## A Man On the Move

By John Geddes in Ottawa

Pierre Trudeau was sitting on a log one day in 1994 with three friends and two blood guides in a remote jungle in Indonesia, when three hushers appeared wearing only penis guards and carrying machetes. One of the tribesmen began gesturing vigorously, in a motion that Senator Jack Austin, one of Trudeau's companions that day, remembers as a strange signal involving both hands. "Trudeau quickly disengaged it," Pierre says wistfully. "He wants a cigarette," Austin recalls. "One of our guides wraps one in a package, and Pierre says, 'Jack will buy the pack.' And so I did, and Pierre distributed the cigarettes."

It turned out the guides could roughly translate the dialect of the three tribesmen, so Trudeau was soon asking questions: How many wives did they have? Had they fought with recently? The episode ended with the three men inviting Trudeau on a trek to see the mummified remains of the dead heroes of their people. Unfortunately, such a detour was impossible. But Austin followed many other sideroads and tributaries in a series of long journeys he and the former prime minister took together after Trudeau left 24 Sussex Drive. In a sense, those last travels form a bookend with the adventurous, globe-trotting young Trudeau. "When he stepped out of politics in 1984," Austin says, "Pierre had an unfettered agenda with respect to seeing and understanding the world."

**After his retirement,  
Trudeau continued  
his globe-trotting ways**

Marni Jackson

# Trudeau's Cultural Legacy

Another Trudeau story. For me, the low point in the Trudeau correspondence in the House of Commons, as the political leaders defined their eras, was Chrétien's paler and lowered head when watching him lay plans, beautiful words. But when Jeaned Day quipped *The Star* by Benoit Miller, I felt the cultural IQ of the country plummet. I like Benoit Miller as



much in the next person, but it was an unexpected tribute to a leader who could comfortably quote Rabelais and Seneca. What will happen in the political imagination now? As we sit all either side of hearing, Trudeau was a man of ideas, and imagination. When he was in office, Trudeau's intellect was sometimes seen as an idiosyncrasy that was easy to overlook—you know, *Madame King* talked in his dog, and Trudeau had this thing for capes and poetry. But the value of imagination in a political leader, not to mention the absence of it in our current landscape, became clear late work. The people who loved the music and platforms between Ottawa and Montreal to watch the future first son were not as ardent of political scientists. They were ordinary people of all ages and backgrounds who had something been touched by Trudeau's idea of the country. His intellect was beside the point. It was Trudeau's ability to imagine Canada as a whole that made it briefly so.

America, with its dense bundle of ideas, seems to require more of a football catch than an arrow-strutted. But Canada, with its dense-bounding empty spaces and its that, very real idea of ideas strong, along the border, requires a leap of the imagination in order to exist as all Canada is an idea. One must jump it into being, and it needs images like Trudeau to convince us of the illusion.

Many writers and Québecois will say this is the only one really left or represents to imagine the country in this way. Perhaps. But despite our individual allegiances to this idea or to this province, everyone also longs to be part of a bigger community—an overriding, all-encompassing idea, it was this someone who valued privacy and solitude as much as Trudeau should pursue in this other world, even though notion of a united country was a bit like the pantheon of a dysfunctional family trying to, well, doesn't well going to have Christmas dinner together, and we're going to put up a tree, too. But neither family nor country is easily achieved.

Trudeau was a great reader who counted many writers, actors and artists among his personal friends. The reason by writers such as Thrax C. Newman, B. W. Powe and Ron Givhan affecter due—by far the more elegant, reflective individuals you are likely to read for the next few decades. And

their memories made me reflect, as everyone else has, on how Trudeau affected my own history. The answer came as a complete surprise. I owe some of my enduring friendships to one Local Initiatives Project grant, which brought together 10 of us in the cultural heyday of 1973.

The project was an international festival of women's films that toured the country—130 women's films that toured the country—130 films made by women, which we unearthed from around the world, and bagged across Canada, in very heavy summer trucks. We showed movies in St. John's, Nfld., and Lefty's, Minn. In Halifax, we presented a hand slide show about breast cancer—not the date thing, 27 years ago. We had a picnic to play the song for a film about by pioneer Canadian filmmaker Nell Shipman. It was fun—a nice ritual in the Trudeau philosophy—and it brought women together for something other than a bike ride.

The whole thing—10 salaries and a seasonal one—cost \$130,000. Corporations now spend that on cases of Esau for board meetings. But I can still remember a sense of completion that ran in Montreal. The talkable reported that our little band of grass-planters had been observed in a restaurant, sending back a bottle of wine. The server? Obviously, people swing on dollars to sit in the cultural ash men should go against home, and drink up water. But I think Trudeau would have approved, and probably would have sent a bottle of beauty out, too.

**Were those Trudeau-era initiatives?**—Opportunities for Youth, and Katerwauld were other youth programs—a nice investment? Who knows, but out of our group of 10, eight have been showing their talent back into the cultural milieu ever since. Three went on to help create the Toronto International Film Festival (which is what we all know currently rivals the Canadian government in size and efficiency). Among the rest of us, there are two writers, a film producer, an agent and a playwright. It was that first little LIP grant that made us all think a life in the arts was possible. Silly as The delusion continues.

Of course, the Carfax boom (our strongest export after smoked salmon, a word) only began when the Trudeau government subsidized small presses like Anansi and Coach House, where "local" writers such as Margaret Atwood, Gwendolyn McEwen, Marc Cohen, Dennis Lee and Michael Ondaatje got their start. That was a good idea.

Sorely say that it was Trudeau's largesse that landed us deep in debt in the '80s. I would answer that the debt is ours, for a rich Canadian culture that owes more than we realize to Trudeau's imagination.

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# Trans Canada Trail

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Province/Territory	Trail Length (km)	Trail Status (%)
Alberta	1,000	10
British Columbia	1,000	10
Manitoba	1,000	10
Ontario	1,000	10
Quebec	1,000	10
Saskatchewan	1,000	10
Atlantic	1,000	10
Yukon	1,000	10
Nunavut	1,000	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>20%</b>

## THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD

The construction of a 14,800-km Trail across Canada represents more than a physical task. It requires an understanding of the needs and concerns of people, communities

and governments. Where there is a large land mass and a sparse population, the third-building challenge is particularly acute, yet it is these very areas that offer some of Canada's greatest natural splendor. Much of the Trail is built on abandoned rail corridors

that take time to acquire. A number of provincial governments have been slow in supporting the Trail and sensitive jurisdiction issues can affect Trail development in some parts of the Prairie. Raising the funds to build Trail is another on-going challenge. Like early explorers determining the route of the Trail has been difficult in some areas of our country.

The Trans Canada Trail is one of our last great natural challenges. It is a grand vision being built through the desire and dedication of volunteers. Through their efforts more Canadians can now take to the Trail. But there is much more to accomplish before our grand national vision becomes a reality. We need the help of all Canadians.

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## Motorized Activity on the Trans Canada Trail

The issue of motorized activity on the Trans Canada Trail flared up this year and, as a result, the Foundation has clarified its usage policy.

This was a difficult process because the Trail will run through a wide array of landscapes that range from major urban centres to rough and rugged tundra. Certain types of recreational activity that are unacceptable in some parts of the country are "a way of life" in others. To complicate matters further, the Trans Canada Trail does not own or operate any trails and must work with local trail organizations to develop trail-usage policies.

The original vision of the Trans Canada Trail was to have a shared-use Trail that would accommodate five core activities: walking, cycling, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Other activities such as in-line skating, wheeling and mushing (i.e. dog-sledging) would be ordered but not considered core activities.

When the issue of including ATVs (i.e. all terrain vehicles) came up, the Trail faced a dilemma. On the one hand, ATVs were never part of the original vision of the Trans Canada Trail. In fact, most of our donors feel that ATVs are a safety hazard and certainly do not provide the experience one would be looking for on the Trail. On the other hand, in rural areas and in the more remote parts of Canada, these vehicles are practical and commonplace.

The matter got more complex when the Province of Newfoundland declared that ATVs were welcome on their section of the "Newfoundland Trailway", which is a 900-km stretch of abandoned rail corridor that represents the entire route of the Trans Canada Trail through the Province. Nova Scotia also endorsed ATVs on those trails built on its land holdings.

The Foundation concluded that it could not endorse the use of ATVs on the Trans Canada Trail but, at the same time, could not impose a strict ban. If it had, the Trans Canada Trail would have several major gaps throughout Canada and alienated some Provinces and Territories. It was therefore agreed that our Trail Councils would make every effort to route the Trail where ATVs are not permitted. When and only when this proved to be uneconomical or impractical would the Foundation "reluctantly accept" the presence of ATVs on the Trans Canada Trail.



In essence, the Trans Canada Trail will accept ATVs where there are no reasonable alternatives.

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation's policy is designed to contain the presence of ATVs and provide our trail builders with the latitude they require to build the Trail in every Province and Territory. Canada was built on compromise and the Trans Canada Trail will be no exception.

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People *Edited by Shanda Daxel*

## Life in the slow lane

Molly Johnson is throwing out words like "retirement," "grown up" and "coolhead." The funky, funny, outrageous diva of Toronto's *any* crowd has long been moving towards domestication. And her latest self-dubbed jazz album is aimed at an audience that Johnson, a married mother of two in her late 30s, now finds herself a part of. "I was just trying to make a grown-up record," she says. "I was really thinking of the kind of person who has kids, or maybe doesn't, but doesn't want to listen to Britney Spears."

A decade ago, Johnson was the rebellious lead singer and songwriter for the Infidels, a hard-edged pop group once formed with Norman Oesterson. "Those were heady, heady times," she says. But they weren't always easy—Johnson didn't fit into either the black female R and B stereotype or the early '90s image of pop. "I wasn't Madonna, I wasn't Lisa Ann," she



Johnson, from rebellious pop star to classy jazz chanteuse

says. "And there was no Alanis Morissette at that time." The band lasted played together since 1992, but Johnson says all the members remain friends.

Now, the work-at-home mom is planning a tour tailored to her new life. "The years of being in rock bands and riding on a bus with eight guys in Calgary are over," she Johnson. "I will go where I need to go, fly in and fly out. Do lots of TV and festivals." It all sounds very grown up, indeed.

## Calling in the rat patrol

When a guest at Scott Gardiner's book launch gave him flowers and a dead rat, the first-time author wasn't involved. "What was disturbing," says Gardiner, "is that at the end of the night, we couldn't find the rat." Gardiner, 41, has ordered many more rats since he completed his novel, *The Dominion of Wiley McFadden*, in which the title character travels across the country with a truck full of rats.

When Gardiner, a young Okanagan, was working in Alberta nearly 20 years ago, he was surprised to learn that the western province was rat free. A government-funded "rat patrol" dropped any unwanted migration at its borders. "Albertans take it as a point of pride," says Gardiner. In the novel, McFadden plans to smuggle 1,376 rats into the province and let them loose.



Gardiner challenging Alberta's rats

Prior to a recent promotional tour of Alberta, the Transcanadian, confused to being nervous that "someone in Calgary might take a swing at me." Upon his return, he had another confession: he was disappointed they weren't "more annoyed." Maybe they forgot to check his bags for small stowaways.

## My Fehr alien

Brooklyn Fehr may be trying to shake off the good Montecito boy image he produced earlier this year after revealing he has never done drugs and is a virgin. Now, the 22-year-old actor thrown around a cane word or two and admits to having a couple of drinks once in awhile. But don't worry, Mom. "I have never dated a hangerover," says Fehr, "and I am not the party guy."

Last year, the former *Wings* pegger got a role on the sci-fi teen drama *Roswell* and moved to Los Angeles. On the show, Fehr plays a troubled alien teenager in New Mexico. He spent the past summer playing a vampire in the forthcoming horror flick *Piranha*. And he auditioned for the would-be Spider-Man role. Unfortunately, he lost the part to American actor Tobey Maguire. Certainly, Fehr, who has the strength to raise Hollywood's eyebrows, would have made a great superhero.



Fehr: You are the party guy?

Belgrade erupts as democracy finally triumphs in Yugoslavia

# Toppling a Serb Tyrant

By Barry Cune

**Fittingly, a child led the way**—an exuberant four-year-old boy, breaking free of his father's grasp, he dashed up the stone steps towards the cordon of riot police guarding the entrance to the old royal palace now housing Yugoslavia's parliament. To the cheers of the assembled throng in Belgrade, the youngster first evaded startled policemen's outstretched arms, then dashed between them to disappear inside the building. Emboldened, the multitude, at least 100,000-strong, surged forward, wave upon wave, knocking falling barriers and choking white clouds of tear gas. "Save Serbia and kill yourself, Slobodan," they shouted, brandishing iron bars, waving Serbia's red, white and blue banner. The police held



Kosutic and his wife Zorica Radovic demonstrate at the parliament building. "Good evening, Slobodan Serbia!"



for a time, wavered, finally cracked. And as the militant mob assailed the building following in the boy's footsteps, it brought to an end the 13-year rule of Slobodan Milosevic, the last of eastern Europe's once mighty Communists at dispo-

"Good evening, Slobodan Serbia," a triumphant opposition leader Vukobrat Kostic declared here that same evening, addressing joyful crowds from the balcony of Belgrade City Hall, across a park from the ransacked parliament. "What we are doing today is making history." Eleven years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, when virtually every other Communist dictatorship in Europe crumbled, Serbia has at last followed suit. The Milosevic regime's fall may have

come a decade later than others, but it occurred in a remarkably similar context, provoked by the same intuitive upsurge of popular discontent that saw hundreds of thousands of angry demonstrators overflowing the public squares of Prague and Warsaw, Bucharest and Berlin. Last week, it was Belgrade, where some 500,000 congregated to witness the birth of a democracy.

They came from cities and towns scattered across Serbia, drawn to Belgrade to support Kostic's claim that he had, in fact, won the Sept. 24 presidential election contest with Milosevic. The authorities acknowledged that Kostic won popular support in the vote but claimed he fell short of a majority in the five-candidate race, necessitating a run-off scheduled for Oct. 8. In the face of the Yugoslav strongman's persistent attempts to deny the evidence of the ballot box,

Kostic and his Democratic Opposition of Serbia—a fragile coalition of 18 political parties and one trade union—threw down a gauntlet of sorts. The DOS leadership gave Milosevic a deadline of 3 p.m. Thursday to resign or face a continuing round of demonstrations and strikes designed to effectively shut down the country. Defiant to the end, Milosevic responded with a decision from the Yugoslav Constitutional Court. Manned by Milosevic appointees, it handed down a ruling that would have nullified the Sept. 24 election, allowing Milosevic to stay in power pending new elections.

The ruling outraged Kostic's supporters. "Vojvo, Mjeto," they shouted, chanting the diminutive of Kostic's first name as they marched Belgrade's streets. By the time the deadline arrived, the crowds were in no mood to compromise. And when the little boy showed them the way at

## Eleven years after the historic fall of the Berlin Wall, Yugoslavia at long last followed suit

the parliament building, the rioting began. Within an hour, the mob had looted the building and set parts on fire. From there they moved on to another hallowed symbol of Milosevic's regime, the offices of the state television. After a battle with police guarding the facility, the crowds gained control of it as well. Then, it was on to several police stations, all of which quickly succumbed.

By nightfall, Milosevic's much-feared 120,000-strong police force had disintegrated, with many officers shedding their jackets and blue helmets to join the demonstration, or to quietly disappear. Belgrade exploded with joy, embarking on a celebration fueled by capacious quantities of beer and the Serbs' beloved *rakia*—a fiery liquor distilled from grapes. "It's not good that the buildings were burned," said Bosko Djordjevic, a retired state mechanic, as he happily contemplated the unfolding street party. "But it is very good that freedom came."

## Yugoslavia's unlikely giant-slayer

He hardly seems the type to topple a tyrant. A quiet man and, until this past summer and fall, an obscure politician, 56-year-old Vukobrat Kostanica lives in a modest apartment in central Belgrade with his wife, a dog and two cats. The once-esteemed University of Belgrade law professor, who spent most of his career editing academic journals or working as a researcher at the Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory, drives a scuffed white Yugo and walks the city like any other resident. During the 1999, he sought safety in bomb shelters, along with thousands of ordinary citizens. "It is nothing short of a miracle that Kostanica polled more than 15 per cent of the vote on Sept. 24," says Serb writer Srdja Trifunovic,



*Defiance in Belgrade: "What we are doing today is making history"*

Montenegro aside, said the equipment was associated with the construction business Goring operating in neighbouring Kosovo. Told recently to expect at least another month in custody, Hall was supposed to be allowed along with the Britons. "I am happy to be out of here so that I can get on with my life," Hall said before leaving by car for Hungary and a flight to Calgary, Guyana, however, may still face trial for possession of the explosives equipment.

Freedom, or at least the first glimpses of it, may well have arrived in Serbia last week, but Milosevic could remain a force to be reckoned with. Despite widespread rumours of his flight, he appeared on television on Friday, solemnly shaking hands in Belgrade with visiting Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov. But in a clear signal that Russian support for Milosevic had crumbled, Ivanov went out of his way to meet Kostanica, even referring to the opposition leader as "president-elect" and bringing congratulations from President Vladimir Putin on his electoral victory. Still, Ivanov and Milosevic had said that he "intends to play a prominent role in the political life of the country"—a confounding position that Milosevic articulated in an address to the country.

The following day, Saturday, saw Kostanica sworn in as Yugoslavia's first popularly elected president. He says he has no intention of handing



*Milosevic and freshly dangerous*

no matter how dark Milosevic's personal future, his country's prospects are now much brighter. That is certainly the verdict of all the Western world's major powers, which unanimously embarked on plans to lift crippling economic sanctions on Yugoslavia. The European Union, the United States, as well as Canada and other Western nations, are also set to reach massive amounts of aid to the country. Given the damage wrought during Milosevic's 13 years of disastrous misrule, Vukobrat Kostanica is going to need all the help he can get.

*With Evelyn Thomas in Belgrade*

## A TROUBLED PAST

- Dec. 4, 1918:** Following the First World War and the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenes are put under control of the Serbian Royal House.
- September, 1943:** Marshal Josip Broz Tito takes control of Yugoslavia. After the Second World War, the country is composed of the republics of Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro.
- May 4, 1980:** Tito dies, leaving a fragmented country.
- May, 1988:** Slobodan Milosevic becomes Serbian Communist Party president.
- Aug. 8, 1990:** Milosevic elected president of Serbia.
- June 25, 1991:** Slovenia and Croatia declare independence from Yugoslavia. Fighting erupts in Croatia.
- Aug. 12, 1994:** As independence movements flourish in the other republics, Milosevic plans a "Greater Serbia" to include Serb minorities in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- March 1, 1992:** A referendum in Bosnia-Herzegovina approves independence.
- April, 1992:** Bosnian Serbs, backed by Milosevic's government, lay siege to the Bosnian capital Sarajevo.
- May, 1992:** Europe and the United States impose economic sanctions on Yugoslavia.
- July, 1995:** Serb forces slaughter 6,000 Muslims in the UN "safe area" of Srebrenica, Bosnia, prompting a NATO bombing campaign.
- December, 1995:** Leaders of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia sign the Dayton Peace Accord, 60,000 NATO troops deploy in Bosnia.
- July 15, 1997:** Milosevic elected president of Yugoslavia.
- February, 1998:** In a continuing crackdown in the province of Kosovo, Serb police kill 58 suspected Liberation Army guerrillas and relatives.
- March 24, 1999:** NATO launches an air campaign against Serb targets in Kosovo and Serbia.
- May 24, 1999:** UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague indicts Milosevic on charges of crimes against humanity.
- June 10, 1999:** Serb forces begin withdrawing from Kosovo and NATO leads the air war as domestic opposition to Milosevic grows in Yugoslavia.
- Sept. 24, 2000:** Opposition candidate Vukobrat Kostanica declares victory in the Yugoslav election, setting the stage for last week's events.

# Death in an ancient land

Israelis and Palestinians battle on the streets

By Peter Hirschberg in Jerusalem

Hanna Siniors first began meeting Israelis at a time when such encounters were considered monstrous. That was just after the 1967 War in which Israel conquered the West Bank and Gaza Strip and their hundreds of thousands of Palestinian inhabitants. Today, Siniors publishes *The Jerusalem Times*, an English-language Palestinian weekly. Sitting behind a desk last week in his East Jerusalem office, Siniors sounded



Israeli security forces carry a wounded companion to Jerusalem's green wall

sad. For more than a week, the only dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians had been waged with guns. The peace process seemed near collapse as the toll mounted—nearly 80 people killed and almost 2,000 wounded. With three Israeli soldiers taken captive by Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas and a Jewish holy site, Joseph's Tomb, trashed by Pal-

estrians, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to halt the violence or face a full military response. "We may be witnessing the beginning of the Palestinian war of independence," said Siniors. "A state might now be achieved through struggle, not negotiation."

The violence erupted on Sept. 29, following a visit by Ariel Sharon, the headline leader of Israel's right-wing Likud party, to the Temple Mount, a Jerusalem shrine holy to both Jews and Muslims. Palestinians objected to what they saw as an attempt to undermine Israel's control of the area. And the fighting escalated, with Israeli helicopters firing missiles at Palestinian positions. Palestinian security forces armed with automatic rifles fought back, killing two Israeli soldiers. Many of Israel's one million Arab citizens also poured into the streets to join rocks and torch beris—symbols, in their eyes, of the Jewish state. "The state is my enemy," said Asaad Mahdoud, an Arab resident of Haifa. "A whole generation of Arabs will also now grow up feeling this way."

Even U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's attempts to mediate a settlement between Barak and Arafat in Paris on Oct. 4 made little headway. The two Middle East leaders did order their field commanders to pull back their troops, but the fighting continued. Further meetings were scheduled for Cairo with Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak. But Barak clearly blurred

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Asifit for the impulse. "There is a need," said Bank in Paris. "For a clear order from Chairman Asifit to stop shooting and everything will calm down immediately."

During his foray to the Temple Mount, Sharon was protected by more than 1,000 policemen. For Jews, the hilltop compound is their holiest site—where the first and second Jewish temples stood in biblical times. Muslims call it Al-Haram al-Sharif. It is their third holiest site, containing the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock and is the spot, according to Islam, from which Muhammad ascended to heaven.

Sharon's excursion could not have come at a more sensitive time: Israeli-Palestinian peace talks have been derailed since the failed U.S.-sponsored Camp David summit in July. At issue is sovereignty over the Temple Mount. Bank has reportedly been ready to con-



*Blooded Palestinians in Gaza, peace talks derailed*

sider placing control of the site in the hands of the UN Security Council. But Asifit insists that Muslims must control the shrine.

The Palestinians blamed Sharon, not Bank's failure to block his visit, for the outbreak of hostilities. But Israeli leaders deflected the blame onto Asifit, saying he cynically exploited Sharon's visit to ignite violence in an effort to wring further concessions from Bank. Ever since Camp David, Bank has held the diplomatic high ground. The Palestinians, as

a consequence, were forced to defer their planned Sept. 13 declaration of statehood after Asifit failed to drum up support from world leaders. Now, the programs of Palestinians confronting the might of the Israeli military—especially TV footage of a young Palestinian boy dying in a hail of bullets as his father desperately tries to shield him—have helped Asifit win world sympathy.

It is not only the violence that threatens the peace process. President Bill Clinton, a vigorous sponsor of Muslim peace, will soon be out of office. And with his ruling coalition shattered over his trip to Camp David, Bank faces political oblivion if he is unable to cobble together a deal with the Palestinians. Back in East Jerusalem, Sharon is still searching for some hope. "I still believe we are fated to live together," he says, leaning back in his chair. "The question is, how much of each other's blood are we going to spill until we realize that?" ■



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### Sahar's son jailed

Indonesian president Abdurrahman Wahid refused to grant clemency to Huzume Mandela Putra, commonly known as Tommy Sahar, who was sentenced to 18 months in prison for his role in a 1997 fraud involving a multimillion-dollar land scam. Tommy, the youngest son and first member of former dictator Suharto's family to be convicted of corruption, pleaded for a presidential pardon to avoid jail after admitting his guilt. Efforts to bring the elder Sahartos to trial in September on fraud charges failed when a court ruled that he was too sick to stand trial.

### Baby cut from pregnant mom

Theresa Andrews, a 23-year-old pregnant woman from Barrenna, Ohio, who vanished a week before she was scheduled to give birth, was found shot and buried in a garage with her baby cut from her stomach in a crude cesarean section. Police later found the baby asleep in the home of Michelle Bica, 39, who lived about four blocks away. Bica concealed the infant before her arrest. Police say the women had met each other only briefly.

### Libya departs Nigerians

Libya deported 3,000 Nigerians amid growing attacks on immigrants from West Africa. The deportations, which could reach 10,000, come after dozens of Africans were killed in the last month in Libya. Migrant workers from sub-Saharan nations have flooded to the oil-rich country since July, when Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi began pushing for a borderless United States of Africa.

### Sierra Leone gets tribunal

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan announced plans to establish a Sierra Leone war-crimes tribunal—the fourth such court established in the last 10 years. Many of the atrocities in the African nation occurred in the hands of so-called child soldiers. After a week of talks, government officials and children's rights advocates finally agreed that the court had the right to try anyone 15 or older. But juveniles under the age of 18 will receive community service instead of a prison term.

## A race too close to call

With opinion polls showing Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice-President Al Gore deadlocked in the race for the White House, both men had hoped to seize the momentum following last week's debate. But Republicans and Democrats alike canceled the 90-minute encounter at the University of Massachusetts in Boston watched by nearly 47 million people had little impact. Polls showed the candidates trailing neck and neck, each with about 45 per cent of decided voters. Much of the debate centered on tax cuts that could occur over the next decade when the United States is expected to run a massive budgetary surplus. While Bush promised a huge \$1.95-billion cut, most pundits believe Gore scored points with his proposal to deliver more modest cuts targeting the middle class. Bush's performance also failed to narrow the gender gap that persists between the two candidates, in which Gore has an 18-per-cent lead among women voters. The candidates also clashed over prescription-drug benefits for the elderly, education funding, Supreme Court appointments and abortion rights.

A more scrupulous debate between the



Gore, Bush, running neck and neck

vice-presidential candidates, former defense secretary Dick Cheney and Democratic Senator Joseph Lieberman, occurred two days later at Centre College in Danville, Ky. Cheney criticized the Clinton administration for its failure to improve education and called for annual nationwide testing of students. But the gratingly partisan debate between the two men also failed to produce a clear winner. And with two more presidential debates to go and only four weeks remaining before the Nov. 7 election, the campaign is being compared to the 1960 cliffhanger that saw John F. Kennedy narrowly defeat Richard Nixon.

## Israeli faces trial

The Supreme Court of Israel upheld a lower court's decision to sentence Daniel Wais, a 20-year-old Israeli soldier, to Canada to stand trial. Wais, who fought extradition since his arrest last December, is charged with second-degree murder in the Nov. 14 beating death of 15-year-old Dmiri Baranovskiy in a north Toronto park. Two other Toronto teenagers could also be charged with murder over their involvement in the attack, which was

sparked when Baranovskiy refused to hand over money and a pack of cigarettes. Wais, and the two teenagers who could be tried in adult court, then allegedly locked Baranovskiy to death in front of witnesses. Wais, who lives with his mother in Israel and holds Israeli citizenship, is in Canada, was waiting his father in Toronto at the time of the murder, but wants to travel shortly after the incident. Under new legislation in Israel, any citizen can be extradited, but if convicted, serves the sentence in Israel.

# The War for Your Home

The big-box renovation giants are locked in a death struggle to dominate Canada's suburbs

By D'Arcy Jenish

They are both 44, energetic, youthful looking, and immensely proud of where they came from. Annette Verschuur is a former Cape Breton farm girl raised by Dutch immigrant parents. John Kitchen is a son of a Toronto building-supplies merchant who likes to say he grew up with "wood in my veins." Despite very different backgrounds, their current jobs have brought them face-to-face as rivals in one of the hottest retail battles in the country—the fight to dominate the \$25-billion-a-year home-improvement market. Verschuur is president of Toronto-based Home Depot Canada while Kitchen is Ontario vice president of Suncor, B.C.-based Best Home Centres Inc. He turned up the heat in September with newspaper ads declaring his company "proudly Canadian" and American-owned Home Depot as "hardly Canadian." Verschuur's response: "This thing will be won by providing great service, not negative advertising."

Southern Ontario is the principal battlefield in this war between suburban big-box stores—same the size of football fields—which typically carry over 50,000 different products, everything from nails and lumber to Jacuzzis and chandeliers. Retail analysts say the victor will be the company with the deepest pockets, especially since two Quebec-based home-improvement giants—European-owned Réno-Dépôt Inc. and dealer-controlled Rom Inc.—are moving into the Ontario market. And what happens in Ontario will determine what happens in hardware retailing across the country, the analysts say. They

predict that only two of four big-box companies will survive, and both will become national chains dominating Canadian suburbs. "I believe the vicious fighting will be wound up within two years," says Markham, Ont.-based retail consultant Richard Talbot. "It's not going to be a long battle."

It will be a costly one, though. The big-box companies are scrambling to acquire land and build stores, particularly in Toronto and the surrounding suburban belt stretching from Oakville west to Oshawa and north to Barrie, an area that is home to around 5.3 million people and some of the most expensive real estate in the country. A home-improvement centre usually has up to 600 parking spaces out front and sits on about four hectares of land.

In two Greater Toronto locations, Home Depot and Best have opened giant stores right across the street from each other.

## Who's who in home improvement

The clash of the big box stores is primarily among four groups (coloured blue). Analysts predict only two will be left standing. Their sales and sizes of key hardware chains.

COMPANY AND HEADQUARTERS	STORES	SALES (2000)
<b>Home Hardware</b> (Red Deer, Alberta), St. Jacobs, Ont.	1,050 in all provinces and territories	\$2.9 billion
<b>Home Depot Canada</b> (Toronto)	80 in seven provinces (except P.E.I., N.S. & N.W.T.)	\$2.3 billion (est.)
<b>Best</b> (Joni, Bona, Ontario), Woodville, Que.	400 in Ont., Que., N.B., P.E.I.	\$2.1 billion
<b>Canadian Tire</b> (Toronto)	438 in all provinces, Yukon, N.W.T.	\$1.7 billion*
<b>Selfserve Hardware Group</b> (Pro and Pro-X), St. Louis de Montfort, Que.	1,800 in all provinces, Yukon	\$1.6 billion
<b>Best Price Hardware</b> (Oak, Ontario), Burnaby, B.C.	56 stores in B.C. and Ont.	\$790 million
<b>TruGreen Hardware</b> (Winnipeg)	194 in all provinces, Yukon, N.W.T.	\$790 million
<b>Home Depot</b> (Oak, Ontario), Red, Montreal	12 in Ont., 1 in Que.	\$600 million

\*Including sporting goods, automotive, garden and other services.



Homeowners all are trying to make stores appeal to women

Elsewhere in the region, they have sites less than a 10-minute drive apart and, in one case, Réno-Dépôt is opening between them under an existing Best banner. Some analysts say the race for location has led to overbuilding and that duress is inevitable. "You have to wonder what kind of consumer demand is going to support these stores," says Canadian Retail Hardware Association president Robert Ellison.

Even some executives with the big-box hardware chains say southern Ontario may not be able to absorb all the new stores. But they all believe they can carve out niches in a large and expanding market. For one thing, they say, Canada's economy is booming. Equally important, do-it-yourself homeowners have become more numerous and ambitious over the past decade. Many people now prefer to install their own ceramic tiles, lay hardwood floors or remodel a bathroom rather than hire a contractor. "There's been a shift in the psyche of the homeowners," says Home Depot's Verschuur. "People are choosing to invest more in their homes."

Wholesale-style stores are also growing fast, analysts say, because they attract far more female customers than traditional hardware and building supply stores. In addition to basic products such as lumber, plumbing and electrical goods, they carry many items for finishing a home—such as paint, kitchen cabinets and light fixtures. And all are trying

to make their stores more appealing to women. For example, Home Depot is set to open 100 stores to break up the big-box format of long rows of merchandise stacked on shelves from the floor to the ceiling. Best uses female actors in radio ads and women parking spots near the front doors for expectant mothers as well as those with young children. "Women are usually the decision makers in home improvements," says Kitchen. "Give them a store where they feel comfortable and they drive that shopping."

The most aggressive overbidders are operating at fever pitch. "Here we go again," declares a blunt, boldly lezzard sign above the reception at Home Depot Canada's Toronto head office. The list of 13 new stores opening in 2000 includes, among other places, Halifax, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Ont., Winnipeg and Saskatoon. By year end, Home Depot will have 67 stores open, each employing an average of 200 people. It has outlets in all provinces except New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. But their runs will come by the end of 2000, Verschuur says, when Home Depot plans to have 132 stores in Canada. "Our strategy has been to cover the major markets, then move to smaller ones," says Verschuur. "Canadians love our concept, so we haven't got to the finish line."

Home Depot created a buzz within the industry earlier this year by opening its first Quebec store in Lévis, a Montreal suburb, contrary to a previous agreement with Réno-Dépôt.

to stay out of the province. The U.S.-based giant acquired its Canadian foothold in 1994 by taking over Aikenhead's Home Improvement Warehouse, an Ontario chain, from Montreal-based Molson Inc., which also controlled Rêso-Dépôt. As part of that deal, Home Depot could not go into Quebec. That changed in 1998 after Molson sold Rêso-Dépôt to Groupe Carrefour of France, which is in turn controlled by the British hardware conglomerate Kingfisher PLC. Home Depot's Laval store, Verschuren says, has been hugely successful, racking up 17,000 sales in its first four days of operation and attracting 5,000 contractors to an opening-week occupation. "It's been like a runaway horse," she says. "It's just so exciting."

But Home Depot's foray into Quebec has brought its former corporate sibling charging into Ontario. Rêso-Dépôt, which traces its roots back to 1955 and a single Montreal building supply business that stood on the site of its current head office, now operates 11 warehouse-style stores in Quebec, all but two in the Montreal area. The company will open Building Box outlets in Toronto and Cambridge this fall, and in Brampton and Mississauga at year's end. It also has national ambitions, and will

**'Price and selection are not enough,' says Rona's Blickstead. 'Customers are looking for service and advice.'**

likely target the West first. Rêso-Dépôt has outshined with the big-box formula of selection, price and service by choosing certain product lines, usually seasonal, and offering customers nearly as much choice as a specialty store. Sébastien Tourneur, vice-

president of marketing and development, says the company is well known in Quebec for its huge selection of Christmas decorating goods, and uses them to create spectacular in-store displays. Rêso-Dépôt's corporate connection to Carrefour and Kingfisher—one of Europe's biggest hardware and home-improvement companies—provides access to a European-based buying group that scans the globe for merchandise. "Everybody's talking about selection," says Tourneur, "but it's a big umbrella, and how you use selection defines your strategy."

Rêso-Dépôt is the second Quebec-based home-improvement chain to invade Ontario. Rona Inc., founded in 1939 by hardware merchants Roland Dussanau and Napoleon Thorne, who owned the company name using the first two letters of their given names, controls about 35 per cent of the Quebec home-improvement market through a network of 300 mostly small to medium-sized outlets, including 21 big-boxes. The company launched its Ontario expansion by



*Kitchen he turned up the heat with ads declaring his company 'proudly Canadian'*

opening a 145,000-square-foot warehouse-style store in the Ottawa suburb of Nepean in 1998 and last March paid \$50 million for 61 Cawley Building Centres. It will open its first Toronto-area big-box in March, 2001, and will erect another five in southern Ontario next year.

Rona president Richard Blickstead says the company has introduced enough innovations to stand out in a crowded market. Each store has a drive-through hamburger, which allows customers to place an order, pick up their goods and pay for them without leaving the vehicle. Rona also has in-store horticulturists plus landscape and interior designers to advise homeowners who are planning projects, inside or outside. "Price and selection aren't enough," says Blickstead. "Customers are looking for service and advice."

The Quebec companies are coming into southern Ontario behind Revy, which is based in Western Canada, where it operates 35 mid-sized stores, ranging from 10,000 to 50,000 square feet, and 10 big-box outlets. Revy came east in May, 1998, by acquiring Lansing Building, a nine-store Toronto-area chain. Kitchen, whose late father, William, founded Lansing in 1951, convinced the new owner to keep the Lansing name because of its customer recognition ("I'd think a fairly named Kitchen would know a thing or two about renovations," chirp its radio ads). He has opened four Revy warehouses in the Toronto area and acquired property for another four big-box outlets in southern Ontario.

Kitchen is taking an in-your-face approach to Home Depot, whom he refers to in conversation as "the competition." His series of nationalistic newspaper ads included one with an image of a cow, a headline saying, "They're milking us again," and small type explaining that Home Depot's Canadian profits inevitably flow south to head office in Atlanta. He also made the decision to open Revy big-boxes across the street from established Home Depots. "We intend to go after as big a share of the market as we can," says Kitchen. "We're not obsessive enough to think we're going to knock out Home Depot. But we dream about it."

The big-boxes have put many smaller, independent

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competitors out of business, experts say, but they have not driven all of them out. Far from it, in fact. Home Hardware Stores Ltd., based in the village of St. Jacobs, 100 km west of Toronto, where it was founded in 1964, is now the largest chain in this sector of the retail industry with almost 1,000 outlets and sales last year of \$2.9 billion (including Markham, Ont.-based Beaver Lumber, which it acquired in 1999), compared with Home Depot's \$2.3 billion. Chief executive officer Paul Strauss says the company was created by a group of 126 independent merchants who felt threatened by an influx of larger competitors like Kmart, Towers and Woolco, names that have since disappeared from Canadian retailing. Home Hardware has flourished, Strauss says, because its dealers own their stores, which range in size from 1,200 to 40,000 square feet, and maintain close contact with customers. "No one knows the market better than people working in the community every day," he argues.

Home Hardware plans to stick with small and medium-sized stores, says Strauss, and most retail analysts would agree with that strategy. The field of giants, they say, is already too crowded, and casualties are inevitable. Home Depot has had a big head start in the race to build a national chain, while Rino-Dépôt's corporate parents have the financial resources—combined annual sales of about \$29 billion—to withstand a war of attrition, or to purchase a competitor. Outside observers say Rino and Rona are most vulnerable—the former because it is a subsidiary of Vancouver-based West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. and could be sold off, the latter because it is really a chain of smaller midwestern hardware stores that has moved into warehouse-style outlets. "We're going to have an all-out war," says Canadian labor. "But it's going to end with two national brands." For now at least, consumers can expect very competitive pricing in the grand cathedrals of home improvement. ■



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## Lessons of the Wild Web

If the Internet were a delusional, it would be safe to say that the "coming-out ball" is over and the princess is aging. After six years of experimentation that has wrought huge successes and enormous failures, it is worth taking stock of the World Wide Web and the e-revolution. What are some of the lessons learned from this crazy, sometimes senseless media?

**The focus:** Traditional business models have been nailed on their head. The popular phrase "Internet time" embodies speed in leading, hiring, branding, reporting, selling and changing the supply chain. An Internet cycle from conception to product implementation is three months, rather than two years for a brick-and-mortar company. Fragrances the Hudson's Bay Co., an organization with thousands of disparate suppliers, now able to connect all of them through a standard Web interface that improves productivity by cutting out countless inefficient intermediaries, speeds delivery, reduces carrying costs and stabilizes prices.

Information is power. Although an overused term these days, "empowering individuals" with greater access to all information has revolutionized stock picking, travel, news delivery and countless other aspects of personal and business life. Pick any topic and you are sure to find, with the click of a few buttons, a hoard of information. An offbeat example of a niche site is [www.col-dest.com](http://www.col-dest.com), run by two Canadiana citizens as modified VHS! Beelzebub.

The staffer winners are surely the 1,000th company trying to sell airline tickets to consumers. Infrastructure and service companies that supply the revolution have been hugely successful. Trusted names like Priceline, IBM and Oracle are growing at cash-slurping rates by Web-flying their businesses.

**The Rest:** All those *quadrant* business success factors are still important. Branding, probably the largest single cause of death among companies in the consumer Internet economy, has caused seemingly smart marketers to spend their entire annual budgets for 30 seconds of free time during the Super Bowl. Guess what? Customer service is still important. Jupiter Research recently found that only one in five Internet readers is using widely accepted technologies such as Macromedia Flash or online chat. Wouldn't it be nice to click on a live chat with an employee at your favourite shopping site when you are having trouble with the item you want to buy? Profiles, a drive word when com-

panies such as Boo.com were trying to capture "eyeballs" and customers, have suddenly become important as the blunders do not have the cash to carry themselves through the next six months.

Remember when *entrepreneur* business plans were funded solely on the ability to generate advertising dollars? Were all Canadian companies really going to start doubling and tripling marketing budgets and moving all advertising to the Web? Canoe Inc., a subsidiary of Quebecor Inc. and one of the most prominent news and portal sites in Canada, has lost most of its executives and laid off a third of its staff in advertising revenues are not covering costs.

One-to-one distribution is still expensive and unproven. Although the Grocery Gateway delivery trucks are seen with increasing frequency around major cities in Canada, similar online companies elsewhere have struggled with delays, high costs and customer reluctance.

**The lingo:** Abuse of communications not seen since the propaganda campaigns of the Second World War is now finding common place on the Web. It can be very difficult to distinguish truth from fiction on the Net. A few weeks ago, a 23-year-old student allegedly was able to knock \$3.7 billion off the market capitalization of a Nasdaq company, *Ilavite Corp.*, in a day, starting with a few accounts of discrediting a phony press release. While the student could go to jail, what about the innocent buyers and sellers?

Intentional coherency of a type not seen since the 17th-century tulip craze or the Roaring '20s infused the stock owners in the mid- to late-'90s. Venture capitalists and investment banks naively fledgling, unarmy companies to market all in the name of an exit strategy. Retail investors could not stop buying the next dot-com, and stock prices of these companies soared. Young billionaires had to seek consulting to try to cope with their newfound wealth. After endless queries and sometimes pairs of red ink, investors are finally beginning to woe up. Could it be that the efficient market hypothesis, the theory that stock prices properly reflect past and current information, is once again rearing its beautiful head?

A friend tells a story about a large company in Ontario that is still questioning whether the Internet is ever worth this kind of investment in its future plans. The shockiest people have at hearing this story dismiss how the pervasiveness of the Web and e-mail in daily life. The Wild Wild Web will not be tamed anytime soon. With Net advances like Napster grabbing headlines and traffic data keep your head close at hand, your money lock secure and enjoy the ride.

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#### Jobs, jobs, jobs

Canada's unemployment rate fell back to its recent level of 6.8 per cent in September, after a one-month upward spike to 7.1 per cent. In fact, both rates reflect a strong economy, but so many new people have been encouraged to move, or re-move, the labour market that the rate tends in any level or even rise, despite thousands of new positions being created. Last month's net total of new jobs was 56,300. Canadian unemployment is still well above the U.S. rate, which last month hit a 38-year low of 3.9 per cent.

#### Noranda backs off

Mining giant Noranda Inc. pulled out of the battle for Toronto-based copper producer Rio Algom Ltd., clearing the way for a friendly takeover by London-based Billiton PLC. Noranda, also of Toronto, said it chose not to make its hostile bid above Billiton's \$37 a share after a close look at Rio's books.

#### No Time for EMI

Media giant Time Warner Inc. and London-based music group EMI called off their proposed \$30-billion joint venture in a bid to placate European regulators concerned about Time Warner's much larger planned merger with America Online Inc. The European Commission will decide whether to approve that deal this month. The EMI venture would have traded an opportunity with one of Warner Music Group to create the world's biggest music combine.

#### Gulf goes for Crestar

Gulf Canada Resources Ltd. launched a \$2.3-billion friendly takeover bid for Crestar Energy Inc. to create one of Canada's top five independent oil and gas producers. Gulf CEO Richard Auchincloss said the Calgary-based firm was finished with debt reduction and is now bent on growth.

#### Club Monaco revamp

Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. of New York City said it would close 11 Club Monaco stores while expanding the clothing retailer in other areas as part of a store remodel. Polo bought the 123-store Toronto-based chain last year.

## Business Notes

### An unexpected rescuer for Corel

It seemed the height of irony. For years, Michael Cowpland, the flamboyant founder of Ottawa-based software giant Corel Corp., had pitted his company at a serious rival to software titan Microsoft Corp. Then, with Cowpland's imagination at chief of the financially troubled firm less than two months old, Corel had at last found a white knight to bolster its bottom line. And the instant? None other than Microsoft, which last week handed over \$202 million for a 24-per-cent stake in non-voting shares. Corel's battered stock price rose 60 per cent, to nearly \$3, after former CEO Derek Barney announced the deal.

It did seem an odd coupling. In 1996, Cowpland's Corel bought the WordPerfect office software line and



Barney (left) with Cowpland, irony

went up against Microsoft's dominant Word and Office packages. More recently, Corel got deeply involved in the Linux operating system, which challenges Microsoft's Windows. But Microsoft said it was buying into Corel's expertise to help create the new .NET standard for Internet applications. And some analysts noted that Microsoft, accused of wielding monopoly power, has long found it useful to keep its competitors alive.

### An ugly picture emerges from Sotheby's

Once known as the most powerful woman in the art world, Diana Brooks, former president and CEO of Sotheby's Holdings Inc., pleaded guilty in a Manhattan court to price-fixing auction commission fees with arch-rival Christie's International PLC. Brooks, 56, entered the plea following orders from co-chairman Alfred Tischman, 78, who resigned in February. The criminal case, in which Sotheby's agreed to pay a \$67 million fine and Brooks could face jail, was partly prompted by a dust-storm air launched by Montreal art dealer Herbert Klock.

### Financial Outlook

**Canadians outcompute** Americans, but they're still laggards when it comes to online shopping. One of the reasons, it turns out, is that while more Canadians own a PC, they often bought it a long time ago and it didn't come with a modem. In a study by Cambridge, Mass.-based Forrester Research Inc., 20 per cent of Canadian PC owners who lack Internet access cited an modem as the reason (not much of an excuse: a typical add-on modem costs less than \$300). But Forrester expects there will be fewer

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not need milking and the exit gate opens to let her out. Lily says the cows are happier because they are milked when they want to be; they also live healthier lives and produce up to 15 per cent more milk. If something goes wrong with the robot, it sounds an alarm. It can also page the farmer, or place a call to the farmer's cell phone. And no, the robed manager is not "incoherent."

Danilo Horvath

#### Cool Sites

### Babysitter Inc.

For many teens, babysitting is the first income-earning job they will have. And every enterprise requires some schooling. So the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has put together a straightforward guide aimed at 14- to 19-year-olds called A Guide to the Business of Babysitting. It includes a well-rounded description of the job, advice on how to discuss fees, a solid rundown on what children are like at different ages, how to relate to them as diapers, dressing, bathing and the like, and even a sample ad flyer. The site can be found at [www.urbana.uiuc.edu/babysitting](http://www.urbana.uiuc.edu/babysitting).

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# A tricky separation of twins

Seven-month-old twin girls whose conjoined bodies were separated by a team of 10 physicians in Seattle were in critical condition, but without significant complications, following the

31-hour operation. The girls—Charley Mae and Kathleen Faith Lincoln—were joined from breastbone to hip and had only three legs. The operation left each girl with one leg—bone from the



Charley (left) and Kathleen with their mother before surgery. (and expect

third was used to reconstruct their hips. Surgeons also separated the girls' fused livers and bladders. They estimated the twins' chances of survival in the first month after surgery at about 85 per cent. Their parents, Vanessa and Greg Lincoln, learned of the girls' condition eight weeks into Vanessa's pregnancy.

In England, surgeons are expected to wait until next month to separate twin girls joined at the abdomen in an operation only one of the babies can survive. The parents, devout Roman Catholics from the Mediterranean island of Gozo, near Malta—whose names have not been made public—are not appealing a court ruling ordering the girls to be separated. Doctors intend to wait until the girls—born on Aug. 8 in Manchester, England—are three months old before surgically separating them and donating one of the twins, who shares a heart and lung with her stronger sister. Doctors have determined that neither twin would survive beyond six months without separation.

## Born to help

In a case that is bound to be controversial, doctors in Minneapolis took blood from a five-week-old boy who was conceived in the hope of saving his sister's life, and transfused it into the six-year-old girl, who suffers from a rare genetic disease. Experts said it was the first known case of parents creating multiple embryos to find one free of a genetic disease that could help a sibling. Physicians earlier gave Last Nash drugs to stimulate production of multiple eggs, then used sperm from her husband, Jack, to fertilize them in a laboratory. Physicians said it would be a week before they could tell whether the boy's blood could help his sister produce her own bone-marrow cells.



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## Sports

# Pushing to be the best in the world

## Paralympians carry Canada's hopes at the Sydney Games

By Susan McClelland

**Spending seven hours a day on a basketball court** passing, shooting and playmaking may seem like an exhausting way to spend a weekend. For Ottawa Chantal Benoit, it's a breeze. "It's training camp we do it every day," says the 30-year-old wheelchair-basketball player. She has kept up her training for the past 17 years, making sacrifices along the way, including time away from her husband and her career as a Web designer. But her dedication has made her good—a good that her peers have dubbed her the Michael Jordan of her sport, the best player in the world.

As co-captain of the Canadian women's wheelchair-basketball squad, she has also led her teammates as one of the most impressive records in sports. Since 1990, they have never been defeated in official international competition. They won gold at the Paralympic Games in 1992 in Barcelona and again in 1996 in Atlanta. Their goal: to triumph at the 2000 Paralympic Games that begin next week in Sydney. "We know the competition," says Benoit. "And we know we can win."

They won't be slating in easy. From Oct. 18 to 29, a record 4,000 athletes from 825 countries—22 more than in Atlanta—are expected to participate. Comprised of 18 sports and 521 events, the Paralympics are the premier competition for athletes with disabilities. Canada, with its largest team ever of 162 athletes, will be trying to better its seventh-place Atlanta finish.

Yet, as recent Olympic ups and

downs cannot be taken for granted. In every event, the level of athletic excellence is expected to reach an all-time high. Part of the credit goes to advancements in artificial limbs and wheelchair design. Equally important is the determination and drive of the athletes. "We never doubted the commitment of the athletes, coaches and the organizations would be as good as they are," says International Paralympic Committee president, Robert Steadward.

The vision behind the Paralympic

isn't grounds. Called the Stoke Mandeville Games, the event was opened up to international competitors in 1952. The name was changed to Paralympics in 1960—"para" is signifi- cantly parallel to the Olympics. Over the years, new sporting events were added and amputees, blind athletes and those with visual impairments and cerebral palsy were included. In 1976, the first Winter Paralympics were held in Sweden.

Today, the Paralympics play an important part in the planning of the Olympics. In the bid for the 2008 Games, Toronto and its four companion cities, for the first time, completed an eight-page proposal on how they plan to reduce the Paralympics as well. A member of the International Paralympic Committee will also sit on the Olympic committee evaluating the bids.

But the Games' real backbone are the



From left, Linda Kozmowski, Benoit, Sabrina Perreault, Marvyn Price and Tracy Ferguson: a basketball squad going for a Paralympic three-peat

Games was Dr. Ludwig Guttmann, a British neurosurgeon. Working with former World War veterans, Guttmann recognized the mental and physical benefits of including sport in the recovery of patients with physical disabilities. When the 1948 Olympic Games opened in London, the surgeon, who worked at England's Stoke Mandeville Hospital, organized a wheelchair-sports competition on the hospi-

talities. Jeff Adams of Burnaby, Ore., the defending 800-m champ, is so popular in the world of wheelchair racing that he receives support from McDonald's, Adidas and Bell Mobility, among others. "We look at Jeff as a world-class performer, just like Elvis Stojko, Steven Larivain and the other athletes we sponsor," says McDonald's spokesperson Maureen Shaughey-Kara Larivain-Adams.

## Sports

### Technology helps athletes go faster, higher and farther

29, competed in the 1,500-m race that was a demonstration sport at the Olympics, placing fifth.

Like many Paralympic competitors, Adams, who was partially paralyzed at

the age of 9 from a virus, considers the wheelchair nothing more than equipment. "It's no different than me racing in a kayak or on a bike," he says. Advances in technology have helped disabled athletes go faster, higher and farther. Take American sprinter, Tony Volpe, who was born without arms and legs from the elbows and knees down. Wearing specially designed prosthetic feet, he runs 100-m in less than

11 seconds (the world record for able-bodied men is 9.79 seconds).

What has also helped Paralympic competitors is the support many receive from their own national sporting federations. Summer Andrew Haley recovers the same funding—about \$1,100 a month—as any other Canadian A-level athlete. He also practices at Calgary's National Sports Centre. "It pushes me to train with Canada's best, like Jonne Malar and Curtis Myden," says Haley, who lost his right leg to bone cancer when he was 6. The amputation did not stop the Dartmouth, N.S., native, who holds a master's degree in sports administration, from becoming the 1998 world 100-m butterfly champion. "I was given a 35-per-cent chance of living," says Haley, 26. "I knew I could beat it, just like now when I swim. I know I can beat that clock."

Liljana Ljubicic, a discus thrower and former shot putter, has had her share of victories as well. Born healthy in Yugoslavia, Ljubicic was misdiagnosed with the flu at 16 months. She had chicken pox, and the combination of the illness and the wrong medication resulted in her gradually losing her eye sight. When her family moved to Coquitlam, B.C., in 1972, Ljubicic wasn't allowed to play sports at school because of the progressing disability. It wasn't until Grade 11 that a teacher finally recognized Ljubicic's athletic potential. "I joined every team," she says. "All I yearned for was acceptance, and finally I found a teacher who supported me."

Now 30, Ljubicic began doing track and field in 1986. And since 1988, she has won medals in either the shot put or discus at every Games. But her athletic years have been plagued by tragedies. Just before the Atlanta Games, one of her eyes had to be removed. And in 1997, as a result of a car accident, doctors told Ljubicic she would never compete again. She proved them wrong. In June, she started throwing world record distances. And she is now seeking gold in Sydney. "People with disabilities are expected to fail," she says. "Just it might take us a little longer to learn to catch a ball or do the long jump. But the power and determination to live life to the fullest pushes us to do great things." ■



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## 'The God particle'

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Inevitably, some particles collide—and for an instant re-create conditions in the first billionths of a second after the universe's fiery beginning. With the accelerator's power stuned to unprecedented levels this summer, scientists now collisions produce particles that could point to the existence of a long-sought, oddly named entity called the Higgs boson. The sighting came after frustratingly had time without further tests, scientists could not be certain they had found what they call "the Higgs," and the accelerator was soon to shut down for the installation of new equipment. Facing a Nov. 2 deadline, scientists last week pursued the quest for the remarkable object researchers have called "the God particle" and the "Holy Grail of modern physics."

According to the theory advanced by Scottish physicist Peter Higgs in 1964,

the particle that bears his name gives mass, or weight, to other subatomic particles. That is a key factor in the formation of the atoms and molecules that, together, form the universe of stars, planets and living things. For more than 30 years, scientists have tried to confirm the Higgs boson's existence, but to no avail—until the

surprising data emerged from the accelerator run by the Geneva-based European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, a French acronym. The burning question now was did the CERN researchers really see the Higgs boson? "We performed many calculations to try to make sense of what we saw," says Dr. Alan Blomdel, a CERN physicist. "And we say, this could be a Higgs—it's not the only possible interpretation, but it's the one that fits best."

Some scientists are disappointed. At CERN, four teams, made up of scientists from more than 30 countries, run experiments on the same Large Electron-Positron accelerator. Using slightly different methods, all are searching for the Higgs. But only one team made this summer's sightings. Robert Carnegie, a physicist at Queens University, is one of more than 50 Canadian scientists on one of the other teams. "To get



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## Science

the most useful information," says Carnegie, "you have to combine data from all four experiments. At the moment, we don't have conclusive evidence that the Higgs has been seen."

Scientists are confident that the Higgs will be found soon. Impressed by the sightings, CERN's director-general, Luciano Maiani, awarded the life of the LEP accelerator by a month to give the scientists a chance to finish their finding. After that, the accelerator's shutdown will open the way for another organization, the Fermilab in Batavia, Ill., to take over the hunt for the Higgs with a powerful new accelerator scheduled to begin operating next March. If Fermilab does not find the Higgs, CERN will re-enter the race in 2005, when the European agency begins running its new \$3-billion accelerator.

Ottawa is contributing \$40 million in cash and equipment to CERN's new accelerator—in effect, an entry fee enabling Canadian scientists to work at the facility. Canada's sole accelerator is the football-field-sized TRIUMF cyclotron under the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver that studies subatomic particles called pions. That is important work—but the burning issue in contemporary physics is the Higgs boson. Finding it, says Jean-Michel Pausisson, TRIUMF's deputy director, "should give us some understanding finally about why some particles have more mass than others—and why this is so important in nature."

The eagerly sought particle could also reveal how such modern physical mixing theories about the subatomic world. The Higgs could turn out not to exist or, as Carnegie suggests, it may not be "a simple, single particle, but something much more complex." Even if the Higgs boson is confirmed, scientists predict it will take at least another decade to unlock the secrets of the mysterious particle.

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# White House Hustle

By Brian D. Johnson

**They had John F. Kennedy;** we had Pierre Trudeau. The playboy president and the popstar prime minister. Both got away with things that would never fly today, whether it was Kennedy snogging with Marilyn Monroe or Trudeau plucking a flower child three decades his junior. And both became cultural icons, figures from a time when sex, romance and politics merely converged without dire consequence. Kennedy and Trudeau were statesmen who behaved like movie stars; their successors are more like bad actors trying to behave like statesmen. And now that the U.S. campaign is in full swing, with Al Gore and George W. Bush auditioning on *Opinion*—both vowing to show they have enough range to act human—Americans do not seem to be electing a president so much to casting him.

But it's hard to compete with the professionals, with those who rule the White House in Hollywood fashions.

**Liberal fantasy thrives in *The Contender* and *The West Wing***

They are so much more... well, presidential. Neither Bush nor Gore will ever give a speech as inspiring as the one delivered by Jeff Bridges at the end of *The Contender*, Hollywood's latest White House drama. And when it comes to Oval Office integrity, who could possibly measure up

to Martin Sheen in *The West Wing*? The NBC show, which launched its second season last week on CTV after receiving nine Emmys, presents a variety of casting liberties virtually certain to not please.

"It's a tricky balance," observed Aaron Sorkin, the show's writer and executive producer, in a *Market* interview last week. "You don't want it to be a fairy-tale White House. You want it to feel like a backroom. But there's a certain amount of wish fulfillment. In American popular culture, our political leaders are portrayed as either dorks or Machiavellians. In *The West Wing*, they're neither, they're heroic." So Sorkin ever tempted to tarnish his president's virtue with a dash of adultery? "I'm not," he replies. "Frankly, if I'm tempted to do anything it's to have a young intern walk into the Oval Office and come on to the president and have him say, 'Young lady, you're not on spring break and this isn't Fort Lauderdale. You're talking to the president of the



Shore. Allen (opposite) studio executives found her unacceptable at first

can politics, a woman photographed having sex with a male football star might send a better chance of making vice-president than an atheist. "That's where the film takes latitude," Allen acknowledges. "It's realistic. I know it was a very gray thing for my character to say. But I don't think Americans could tolerate an atheist in that office."

**The morning after** *The Contender*'s premiere last month at the Toronto International Film Festival, Allen was sitting in her hotel room. She's an imposing presence, with strong, childlike and wide blue eyes that betray a wary intelligence. She is also about six feet tall, which may help explain why she's had trouble landing roles in a world of charismatic leading men such as Tom Cruise. ("It's interesting," muses a publicist later, "how the actors are usually shorter than you expect, while the actresses are taller.")

For a middle-aged woman, the sexual politics of Hollywood may be no easier to navigate than those of Washington. "Breaking through at this age is more difficult," allows Allen, who is 44. "One thing that really bothers me is the discrepancy between older men and younger women on screen." Allen once declined to play a love interest opposite a star 25 years her senior. "He was a wonderful actor, I adore and admire," she says. "But I couldn't do it. I said, 'It makes me feel creepy.' In this male-dominated industry, studio executives discover their first wives for younger women—then project that onto the screen. I don't find that acceptable."

Those same studio executives found Allen unacceptable when Lurie first tried to cast her in *The Contender*, although he had written the movie specifically for her. The director, 38, once a film critic with the *Los Angeles Times*, was not terribly popular at the studios to begin with. Where Steve Buscemi had fun from their screenings, he says, after he referred to screen Cherry De Vito as "a terrible sex star."

Lurie now admits he was "not a good film critic." But with *The Contender*, he has begun to redeem himself, as a filmmaker. He was moved to write the script last year after producing Allen with a best supporting actress nod from the Los Angeles Film Critics Association. "I were honest that night and argued on my computer," he says. "I didn't have

a clue what I was going to write. But I knew it had to be a role she couldn't say no to. A lead role." When Lurie shopped his script around Hollywood, he adds, "the major studios would consider doing it only if I replaced Jean with a bigger actress." Sharon Stone's name came up. But the director met with his son and made the film for \$15 million, a pittance by Hollywood standards. Then, after it was shot and edited, he got a call from DreamWorks mogul Steven Spielberg, who bought the film and helped him re-edit it.

In the cutting room, when they arrived at Allen's big speech—defending reproductive choice, opposing the death penalty, and saluting and granting "the chapel of democracy"—Spielberg suggested laying in some music. "I said I don't think we should do that because we'd be es-

United States. Leave this room and never come back."

While *The West Wing*'s presidential panache is more research, Hollywood movies tend to treat American politics as a less dignified form of show business. In *Dave* (1993), a look-alike (Kevin Kline) is hired to impersonate a president who has expired while looking an underling. In *The American President* (1995), which Sorkin scripted, spin doctors work overtime while a White House widower (Michael Douglas) does a lobbyist. In *Big Day Out* (1997), a Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman) files a war to take over off a presidential sex scandal. And *Primary Colors* (1998) presumes Clintonian candidate (John Travolta) who can't keep his pants on.

Now, *The Contender* asks the question, what if a woman in high office became the target of sexual innuendo charged? A somewhat refreshed but richly entertaining political drama, the movie features two of Hollywood's most underused actors. Playing her first lead role, the formidable Joan Allen (*Witness*, *Phenomena*) stars as Senator Loren Hanson, who is chosen to succeed the vice-president after he dies in midterms. The spurned Jeff Bridges (*The Fabulous Baker Boys*, *Freaky*) plays president Jackson Fourn, who selects Hanson to be the first woman to hold the office. As she becomes the target of a conservative witch-hunt, her confirmation hearings are racked by allegations that she became a fraternity sex slave one night during her college years. Orchestrating the smear campaign is a diabolical politician, Shelley Long, who is brilliantly played by an unrecognizable Gary Oldman. Allen, Bridges and Oldman all deliver Oscar-worthy performances.

When director Rod Lurie's script became a successful overture. The choice of a drunken gang bang for his heroine's alleged impropriety seems unduly kind—the product of an overripe male imagination, even in this era of anaglyph cages in the Oval Office. And the dialogue is a verbal boiler room of sexual innuendo. Kline likes: "If there's one thing you don't want, it's a woman with her finger on the button who isn't getting laid." Or: "What you are is a sex-craved, bone-wrecking machine, a female Warren Beatty." But even more disturbing is one point during the confirmation hearings. Hanson proudly declares that she is an atheist. Huh? In the religiously correct clime of Amer-

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dancing when she's singing," recalls Lucie. "He seemed to me and said, 'What's wrong with endorsing what she's singing? And he was absolutely right.'"

While *The Godfather* is very much Jean YVES' movie, Jeff Bridges brings it to life with sheer force of personality. In his supporting role, Bridges makes a swell president, a savvy manipulator with heart—he has a ludicrous habit of darning his adventures with offers of food from the White House kitchen. And his dramatic speech makes you want to run right out and vote for him.

But to meet Bridges, it's hard to imagine how he could make such a powerful post-on-screen. With suffer that spilling over the collar of a Hawaiian shirt, he looks more like the Dude from *The Big Lebowski*, and talks with a sense of cosmic wonder about "the whole thing being held together by a huge amount of grace." The actor says his father, Lloyd Bridges, served as a role model for president. "He had this wonderful, congenial joy. He loved what he was doing." Asked if being a politician is more and more of an acting job, Bridges reflected for a moment. "I wonder if it's always been like that," he says. "It's funny acting comes into all our lives even if we don't think of it as acting."

Although the line between politics and show business seems more blurred than ever, they still require acting skills of a different order. Ronald Reagan showed that a mediocre actor can become a convincing president, but a major star would have a hard time winning credibility. "An celebrity-driven as our culture is," says Sorkin, "so much of our movie stars are worshipped, if you take them out of that arena, no one knows what they have to say." When Warren Beatty was thronged with running for president, "he gave a very well received speech at the Beverly Hilton Hotel," Sorkin adds. But (former White House communications director) George Stephanopoulos commented that, as great as it was, you couldn't help feeling this was someone playing the part of an actor thinking about running for president.

Maybe if he'd seen the speech in a movie, it would have sounded like the real thing. ■

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### Singin' in the brain

*Björk hits an ethereal note as a day-dreaming martyr*

By Brian D. Johnson

#### Dancer in The Dark

*Directed by Lars von Trier*

Though shot in English and set in rural America, *Dancer in the Dark* is a foreign film, exactly foreign on every level. Its star is Björk, the otherworldly singer-sprite from Iceland, who plays a Czech immigrant in Washington state circa 1964. And its writer-director is Denmark's Lars von Trier, who has never set foot in the United States because he refuses to fly, but who has conjured his own private vision of America on location in Sweden.

Moodily melodramatic and coyly subversive, von Trier is the Master of world cinema, confounding cinema every time with his ironic disposition as they debate whether he is a genius or a fraud. When *Dancer in the Dark* premiered at Cannes last May, winning the Palme d'Or, it polarized the audience, which erupted with an indecipherable storm of cheers and catcalls. This is a tough film that is both exasperating and emotionally draining. It is also a work of thrilling originality, right from the opening images, as lines of credits, an overture plays over a series of musical paintings. What follows is a movie of spliced genres—from musical tragedy to documentary melodrama—that is quite unlike anything else, outside of von Trier's own work.

Like his *Breaking the Waves* (1996), *Dancer in the Dark* is the story of a female martyr, a saintly saint who sacrifices herself for a loved one. And like Emily Watson's Bess, Selma (Björk) hears things, not the voice of God, but ambi-

ent sounds: the lock-step rhythm of machines on the assembly line where the straps undo out of sheer mental, the non-doesnot of a freight train brushing by her on a bridge, the pencil scratch of a courtroom artist as she stands trial for murder. In these slips of sound, Selma falls into mystical reverie, and the movie's grainy realism gives way to song-and-dance daydreams.

To look at the bare bones of the narrative, it's a shabby affair with a soap-opera premise: Selma, a single mother who lives



The singer-actress: a tough work of startling originality

in a rented trailer, is going blind from a disease that her son will inherit. Working overtime, she stashes her wages in a tin can tin, saving for an operation to save his sight. On the factory floor, as the banister heavy equipment with dimming vision, Selma is an industrial accident waiting to happen. But tragedy strikes closer to home as her landlord (Dave Morse), a straight-up cop who lives next door, takes advantage of her.

Selma is surrounded by an odd coterie of protective friends, including a co-worker incongruously played by Catherine Deneuve (Chanel goes blue collar), a benevolent shop foreman (Jean-Marc Baur) and a helpful adviser (Piet Steenme, the wood-chipper psychopath in *Fargo*)—one weird bunch of Yanks. But then von Trier's America is a country of his own creation, as far from the real

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*Dancer in the Dark* arrives from the documentary archives of the Dogma manifesto down up by Danish film-makers—it indulges in props, effects and overblown music; but the dramatic sequences are still shot in a handheld, vérité style, with much of the colour leached out. So when the first musical interlude occurs, 40 minutes into the movie, the transition is exhilarating. At the factory, an Selma laments so her machine stripping out kitchen sinks (Dagmar kitchen-sink restaurant), she drifts into a musical day-dream. Suddenly, the colours bloom as the workmen fly into choreography on the factory floor.

Shot on video with 300 fixed cameras, the musical sequences have a rich digital grain, and as von Trier toggles between the surreal and the hyper-real, it creates a powerful resonance. At the heart of it, like a human tuning fork, is Björk, who seems equally at home in both worlds. In song, her voice is ethereal and dissonant; the sound of a child thinking, as an actor, she does not appear to be acting, but living the part, finger painting with raw emotion. She is a compelling bundle of vulnerability, whyness and fire. Her eyes are batten to the guide. Her lips, poised to some invisible bassline, sparkle with an erotic truth.

The movie ends on a harrowing note, an ending that is as shocking as it is inevitable. "In a musical nothing dreadful ever happens," observes Selma, who is rehearsing a role in an amateur production of *The Sound of Music*. But *Dancer in the Dark* is not that kind of musical. It does not send you singing into the ether. You walk out of the dark feeling stunned and hollow. Outside, however, the world seems sharper, more real—peppered into focus like one of those musical numbers in the film. Briefly, the human condition appears to dissolve, as if you are seeing it with new eyes. And as the images long flooding back, days later, you wonder if this is a movie about vision that might actually improve it. **B**

## Entertainment Notes



### Drawn to another dimension

First of *The Simpsons* and *ANTZ* can now see a whole new dimension to their futuristic animated characters. *CyberWorld 3D*, the world's first fully animated 3D feature in 3-D, takes viewers into fantasy worlds inhabited by computer-generated and animated entities—characters from familiar shows as well as new faces—which range from the bizarre to the beautiful.

The film features eight amazing segments from premier animation studios around the world, loosely woven together by the premise of a tour through a futuristic gallery, *CyberWorld*. The guide, Hajj, voiced by James Van Der Beek (*Diagnosis and Grey*),

must do battle with three nasty computer bugs who are eating the gallery's programs.

Notable mentions include *The Simpsons* episode "Homer's", originally aired in 1995 on Hallmark, in which Homer accidentally falls into a 3-D grid, and the bar scene from the movie *ANTZ*, where worker ant 2 and Princess Bala seem close enough to dance with the audience. Several six cartoons appear to start out at the audience in a segment called *KidZex* by studio ELMACHINA of Paris. In all, a good dose for kids and grown-ups alike.

Susan Oh

### Bridge over Broadway

The intersection of *Footage* and *Main* is a long, long way from the bright lights of Broadway. But one Winnipegger is trying to make the stretch. Producer-composer Danny Schatz, 34, caused *The Bridge*—Manitoba's first homegrown commercial musical, premiering at the city's Walter Theatre on Oct. 12—to reflect his dreams of turning the city into a hub for original musical theatre. "I see Winnipeg becoming a

smaller Broadway, the *Stratford* of the Prairies," says Schatz, who spent the past two years drumming up the \$250,000 production costs from local revenues—including monthly musical *Learned Apter*. The *Bridge*, about the conflicted lead singer of the world's most successful band, will run for one week, and may star other women artists. "It completely depends," says Schatz, who is also co-manager of Chantal Kreviazuk and McMurder & James, "on whether we lose our suit."



### Booked again

When the six nominees for the \$25,000 Giller Prize for fiction were announced last week, Margaret Atwood—a Giller judge—naturally wasn't on the list. But Atwood's *The Blind Assured* is up for Britain's prestigious, and richer (\$47,000) Booker Prize, so he is awarded on Nov. 7. That is Atwood's fourth run at the Booker, and odds make her the favourite. Michael Ondaatje, nominated to be a Booker nominee this year for his novel *The Englishman's Boy*, did not make the shortlist. He is, however, a Giller co-winner—along with Alan Cumming (*Afternoon Underscore*), David Almond (*Shakespeare's Boy*), Andrew Goss (*Shakespeare's Boy*), Helen Brown (*Shakespeare's Boy*) and Fred Stenson (*The Trade*). The prize will be awarded on Nov. 2.



Around the frontier

### No name band

The iconoclastic British pop band Radiohead has struck a chord with millions of fans around the world. But its Canadian writer Naomi Klein who has been band member since. After three of the five members—including banding lead singer Thom Yorke—and Klein's book denying the effects of globalization, *No Logo*, they seem to implicate their own creation naming their newly released third album, eventually entitled *Kid A*, after it. And now they're in discussions with Klein for a so-called, up-to-date TV interview in mid-October in Toronto—they perform in the city on Oct. 17. The tour is being played out under a 10,000-capacity portable tent, which they chose to block out billboards and sponsorship ads at venues and other venues. However, some observers may find it hard to overlook the fact that the band is signed to global entertainment giant EMI. As *No Logo* goes, you can't go much bigger than this.

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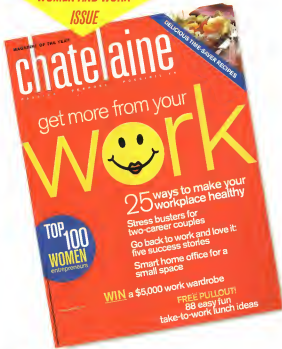
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## Meet Chrétien's evil twin

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the original George Bush was president, the brilliant American cartoonist Gary Trudeau used to do a devastating parody of him in his *Douglas* comic strip. The gimmick was that there were only two Bushes—one the well-meaning George whom politicians the American people liked and respected, and the other, his foul-mouthed, ill-behaved twin brother, Stiggins, who occasionally took his brother's place without anyone realizing. That was the comic notion by which Trudeau depicted Bush as he completely morphed from nice guy into the snub-nosing bully who ultimately blew huge poll ratings and went on to lose the 1992 election.

Hang around the Canadian political scene long enough, and you wonder if the same hasn't happened here. Maybe there are really two Jean Chrétien. One is the decent, decently likable guy we've seen for the better part of more than 30 years of public life. That one is almost shy, has a self-deprecating humor and is a respectful of political foe as he is of friends. That's the one who was in evidence last week during commemorative events for Pierre Trudeau—clearly governing far greater in the manner in which he stayed in the background, and avoided politicizing the event. Then, there's his evil twin—the one who, sadly, has been much more evident in recent years. That Chrétien appears increasingly misanthropic, cynical and dismissive of the views of all but a small circle of advisors. He promotes policies based on how they reflect the popularity of himself and his Liberals, and he spends taxpayers' money with those goals paramount.

With an election high on the radar screen, expect to hear such concerning disapproval a lot in coming weeks. The curious thing is that, ultimately, both sides are right—and the split news isn't as partisan as you might think. The PM, for example, clearly advises Joe Clark—going back to their days campaigning together in the 1980 referendum—and that was evident in the manner in which he praised Clark so warmly when he welcomed him back to Parliament. But talk to some of Chrétien's cabinet or caucus members—even as they prepare to run under him again—and they'll allow that while they admire his political acumen, they find him ruthless and unforgiving in his character.

It takes remarkable gall for a prime minister even to contemplate an election barely more than 3½ years into a majority mandate that could extend to five years. To use the hockey analogy the PM likes so much, it's like asking your team to one up your captain and give you a longer, richer one in mid-season just because you're doing the things you promised when you

signed the first deal. There's no credit that argues a vote of confidence. There's nothing the Liberals could do legitimately in a new mandate that they can't do now. There's no evidence that they have any candidates willing to be brought in, even if they did, they could manage none well-run campaigns and by-elections. Scarce Liberals in Ontario—once again who would not only appear in only election—now say that circumstances are simply moving beyond their control. The NDP and Tories are exploiting, and the Canadian Alliance is picking up fundraising strength. The Liberal government, though, is refused to cut taxes, either or finance, it flunk with cuts, and here to spend it. The PM and whom like the idea of going against him between right and left that would see the Alliance and Libs shoot it out, with the NDP Tories and Bloc Québécois mostly watching from the sidelines.

That all seems to make good sense to political strategists—which is exactly why the average Canadian should be suspicious. There's nothing to suggest that anyone outside Ottawa is going for that showdown. Most people think he has heard from politicians, the better. And election campaigns worth about the Greater Good. As political scientist Richard Johnston points out in a paper released last month by the Institute for Research on Public Policy: "Only one other majority government, elected in 1945, had a vote share as weak as the Liberal 1995 one, 41 per cent." And, Johnston adds, the 38.5-per-cent vote the Liberals drew in 1997 was not only the lowest ever for a majority government, only two minority governments ever came to power with less support.

Sometimes, almost endemically, election fever can cause governing parties to do the right thing, such as the recent health care deal with the provinces. It's almost enough to make you ignore the fact that, in essence, the Libs were barely raising funding they dropped back in 1995. But their election managers more carefully targeted they can win again with similar results, no brag to their support concentrated in Ontario and Atlantic Canada, with a few Quebec seats thrown in. That's why they moved recently to restore some of the worst excesses to the Employment Insurance program that they dismantled in 1996. They eliminated the insurance rule, which discouraged repeated use of EI by reducing benefits of frequent claimants.

The other main Liberals focus on early election is there may be an economic downturn next year. You might think, then, that the prudent thing would be to hold back on spending. Not these guys. The Libs may not be a government for the people—but they clearly think they can buy the people. Wait for the election date the PM decides on, and then decide which of the two Jean Chrétien's holds sway.



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